

1-1 By: Márquez, Moody, González H.B. No. 218
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Rodríguez)
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 4, 2015;
1-4 May 7, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-5 Education; May 13, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-6 Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 13, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-10 Lucio	X			
1-11 Bettencourt	X			
1-12 Campbell	X			
1-13 Garcia	X			
1-14 Huffines	X			
1-15 Kolkhorst	X			
1-16 Rodríguez	X			
1-17 Seliger	X			
1-18 Taylor of Collin	X			
1-19 West	X			

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to certification requirements for teachers in bilingual
1-23 education.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 29.061, Education Code, is amended by
1-26 amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsections (b-1) and
1-27 (b-2) to read as follows:

1-28 (b) A teacher assigned to a bilingual education program
1-29 using one of the following program models must be appropriately
1-30 certified for bilingual education by the board:

1-31 (1) transitional bilingual/early exit program model;

1-32 or

1-33 (2) transitional bilingual/late exit program model.

1-34 (b-1) A teacher assigned to a bilingual education program
1-35 using a dual language immersion/one-way or two-way program model
1-36 must be appropriately certified by the board for:

1-37 (1) bilingual education for the component of the
1-38 program provided in a language other than English; and

1-39 (2) bilingual education or English as a second
1-40 language for the component of the program provided in English.

1-41 (b-2) A school district that provides a bilingual education
1-42 program using a dual language immersion/one-way or two-way program
1-43 model may assign a teacher certified under Subsection (b-1)(1) for
1-44 the language other than English component of the program and a
1-45 different teacher certified under Subsection (b-1)(2) for the
1-46 English language component.

1-47 (c) A teacher assigned to an English as a second language
1-48 ~~[or other special language]~~ program must be appropriately certified
1-49 for English as a second language by the board.

1-50 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016
1-51 school year.

1-52 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-53 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-54 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-55 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-56 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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