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H.B. No. 2820

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authorization of certain industry professionals to provide instruction in public schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 21.0488 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.0488. CERTIFICATION FOR CERTAIN INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS. (a) To ensure a sufficient number of qualified industry professionals authorized to provide instruction relating to curriculum required for an endorsement under Section 28.025(c-1), the board shall propose rules providing for the expedited certification of persons with appropriate industry credentials.

(b) The board's rules must permit a person to obtain certification under this section without completing an educator preparation program or performing successfully on a generally applicable certification examination.

(c) A certificate issued under this section may not authorize the person to provide instruction to students in a subject area other than the area in which the person holds appropriate industry credentials.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.