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H.B. No. 218

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certification requirements for teachers in bilingual education.

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

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

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

(1) transitional bilingual/early exit program model;

(2) transitional bilingual/late exit program model;

or

(3) dual language immersion/one-way program model.

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

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

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

(b-2) A school district that provides a bilingual education program using a dual language immersion/two-way program model may assign different teachers to the language other than English

1 component of the program and to the English language component.

2 (c) A teacher assigned to an English as a second language
3 ~~[or other special language]~~ program must be appropriately certified
4 for English as a second language by the board.

5 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016
6 school year.

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