

AN ACT

relating to qualifications for certain teachers employed by certain open-enrollment charter schools.

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

SECTION 1. Section 12.129, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 12.129. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a [A] person employed as a principal or a teacher by an open-enrollment charter school must hold a baccalaureate degree.

(b) In an open-enrollment charter school that serves youth referred to or placed in a residential trade center by a local or state agency, a person may be employed as a teacher for a noncore vocational course without holding a baccalaureate degree if the person has:

(1) demonstrated subject matter expertise related to the subject taught, such as professional work experience, formal training and education, holding a relevant active professional industry license, certification, or registration, or any combination of work experience, training and education, and industry license, certification, or registration; and

(2) received at least 20 hours of classroom management training, as determined by the governing body of the open-enrollment charter school.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1469 was passed by the House on April 28, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1469 was passed by the Senate on May 19, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor