Item 8:

Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Adoption of Proposed Amendments to 1 9 TAC Chapter 245, Certification of Educators from Other Countries

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

SUMMARY: This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to adopt, subject to State Board of Education (SBOE) review, proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 245, Certification of Educators from Other Countries. The proposed amendments would update the requirements for certification of educators from other countries following the four-year rule review required by Texas Government Code, §2001.039. No changes are recommended since published as proposed, but additional changes may be recommended at the time of the meeting based on public comment.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: The statutory authority for the proposed amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 245 is the Texas Education Code (TEC), §§21.041(b)(1), (4), and (5); 21.048(a); 21.050; 21.052(a)-(e), as amended by Senate Bill (SB) 1839, 85th Texas Legislature, 2017; and 22.0831(f).

TEC, §21.041(b)(1), states the SBEC must propose rules that provide for the regulation of educators and the general administration of the TEC, Chapter 21, Subchapter B, in a manner consistent with the TEC, Chapter 21, Subchapter B.

TEC, §21.041(b)(4), states the SBEC must propose rules that specify the requirements for the issuance and renewal of an educator certificate.

TEC, §21.041(b)(5), states the SBEC must propose rules that provide for the issuance of an educator certificate to a person who holds a similar certificate issued by another state or foreign country, subject to the TEC, §21.052.

TEC, §21.048(a), states the SBEC must propose rules prescribing comprehensive examinations for each class of certificate issued by the SBEC.

TEC, §21.050, states that a person who applies for a teaching certificate for which SBEC rules require a bachelor's degree must possess a bachelor's degree received with an academic major or interdisciplinary academic major, including reading, other than education, that is related to the curriculum as prescribed under TEC, Chapter 28, Subchapter A.

The proposed amendment to newly renumbered subsection (a)(6) and subsections (b)(2) and (c)(2) would replace the incorrect references to Chapter 230, Subchapter N, with the correct references to Chapter 230, Subchapter G, as that is the location for al

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Statutory Citations Relating to Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 245, Certification of Educators from Other Countries

Texas Education Code, §21.041, Rules; Fees (excerpts):

- (b) The board shall propose rules that:
 - (1) provide for the regulation of educators and the general administration of this subchapter in a manner consistent with this subchapter;
 - (4) specify the requirements for the issuance and renewal of an educator certificate;
 - (5) provide for the issuance of an educator certificate to a person who holds a similar certificate issued by another state or foreign country, subject to Section 21.052;

Texas Education Code, §21.048, Certification Examinations (excerpt):

(a) The board shall propose rules prescribing comprehensive examinations for each class of certificate issued by the board. The commissioner shall determine the satisfactory level of performance required for each certification examination. For the issuance of a generalist certificate, the commissioner shall require a satisfactory level of examination performance in each core subject covered by the examination.

Texas Education Code, §21.050 , Academic Degree Required for Teaching Certificate; Internship:

(a) A person who applies for a teaching certificate for which board rules require a bachelor's degréepreusstrpodsseapalsia5192(bb.i)(7)w2(b6sb)8180(no)BD.6(\$)w2(36)b3fiis5t0(6)2-11c164.00(2e1)v6(5)(fif5)26(1).07.57(h)26

- (B) a degree issued by an institution located in a foreign country, if the degree is equivalent to a degree described by Paragraph (A);
- (2) holds an appropriate certificate or other credential issued by another state or country; and
- (3) performs satisfactorily on:
 - (A) the examination prescribed under Section 21.048; or
 - (B) if the educator holds a certificate or other credential issued by another state or country, an examination similar to and at least as rigorous as that described by Paragraph (A) administered to the educator under the authority For the BIGOTIO (1968) (2010). 2015 (1)-6.60) (2010) (15)-6.60)

ATTACHMENT II Text of Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC

Chapter 245. Certification of Educators from Other Countries

§245.1. General Provisions.

(a) A Texas educator certificate may be issued to an individual who holds a college degree and an <u>acceptable</u> [appropriate] certificate or other credential issued by the authorized licensing agency in another country and who meets appropriate requirements specified in §230.11 [§230.413] of this title (relating to General Approacesns-2.3(e)1 ()T2.4(t)2thee ande me h(m1.687 0 Td ()T-532570.56 68.16 Tw 0.337 0 Td [(§25.006 Tc](()0w 30 this title (relating to General Approacesns-2.3(e)1 ()T2.4(t)2thee ande me h(m1.687 0 Td ()T-532570.56 68.16 Tw 0.337 0 Td ()S25.006 Tc](()Ow 30 this title (relating to General Control of Co

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