

Item 8:**Consider and Take Appropriate Action on Adoption of
Proposed Amendments to 19 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 all

- (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 of the state.

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 acceptable ~~[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

