

**Item 10:****Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter B, General Certification Requirements, §230.11. General Requirements****DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

**SUMMARY:** This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to discuss and propose amendments to the English language proficiency (ELP) requirements outlined in 19 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 230, Professional Educator Preparation and Certification, Subchapter B, General Certification Requirements, §230.11, General Requirements. The proposed amendment would expand the options for demonstrating ELP.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The statutory authority for 19 TAC §230.11 is the Texas Education Code (TEC), §§21.003(a), 21.031, and 21.041(b)(1), (2), (4), and (5).

TEC, §21.003(a), states that a person may not be employed as a teacher, teacher intern or teacher trainee, librarian, educational aide, administrator, educational diagnostician, or school counselor by a school district unless the person holds an appropriate certificate or permit issued as provided by TEC, Chapter 21, Subchapter B.

TEC, §21.031, authorizes the SBEC to regulate and oversee all aspects of the certification, continuing education, and standards of conduct of public school educators.

TEC, §21.041(b)(1), (2), and (4), require the SBEC to 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 TEC, Chapter 21, Subchapter B; specify the classes of educator certificates to be issued, including emergency certificates; and specify the requirements for the issuance and renewal of an educator certificate.

TEC, §21.041(b)(5), requires the SBEC to 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 TEC, §21.052.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** If approved for filing as proposed in July 2024, and if adopted, subject to State Board of Education (SBOE) review, at the September 20, 2024 SBEC meeting, the proposed effective date of the proposal would be January 7, 2025 (20 days after filing as adopted with the *Texas Register*). The proposed effective date is based on the SBEC and SBOE meeting schedules.

**PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:** The SBEC last amended 19 TAC §230.11 effective March 3, 2022.

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