

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current law states that the continuing professional education (CPE) hour requirement and certificate renewal deadline is five years after the last day of the certificate holder's birth month. S.B. 143 amends the Texas Education Code to extend the deadline for the completion of CPE and educator certification renewal for armed forces reservists serving on active duty. S.B. 143 allows armed forces reservists to extend the time period to complete the continuing professional education hours required for educator certification renewal, effectively extending the certificate renewal deadline, commensurate with time spent on active duty.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 21.054(b), Education Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Amends Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, by adding Section 21.059, as follows:

Sec. 21.059. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN DEADLINES FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL. Provides that a person who holds a certificate or permit under this subchapter who is a member of the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States and who is ordered to active duty by proper authority is entitled to an additional amount of time, equal to the total number of years or parts of years, that the educator serves on active duty, to complete certain continuing education requirements.

SECTION 3. Provides that Section 21.059, Education Code, as added by this Act, applies to a person who holds a certificate or permit and is a member of the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States and who is ordered to report for active duty beginning on or after September 1, 2004.

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2005.