

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 1300  
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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Currently, up to 10 percent of educator candidates in educator certification programs may have a grade point average (GPA) below the set minimum. H.B. 1300 would require applicants to educator certification programs who have a GPA below the set minimum to take and pass the state-mandated content examination before being admitted to an educator certification program.

H.B. 1300 amends current law relating to eligibility requirements for admission of certain persons to educator preparation programs.

### **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 21.0441(b), Education Code, as follows:

(b) Requires the rules of the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) to permit an educator preparation program to admit in extraordinary circumstances a person who fails to satisfy a grade point average requirement prescribed by Subsection (a)(1)(A) or (B), provided that:

- (1) Makes no change to this subdivision;
- (2) each person admitted as described by this subsection performs, before admission, at a satisfactory level on an appropriate subject matter examination for each subject in which the person seeks certification; and
- (3) Redesignates existing Subdivision (2) as Subdivision (3). Makes no further change to this subdivision.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2015.