

- SUBJECT:** Eligibility for admission to educator preparation programs
- COMMITTEE:** Public Education — committee substitute recommended
- VOTE:** 11 ayes — Aycock, Allen, Bohac, Deshotel, Dutton, Jr., Farney, Galindo, González, Huberty, K. King, VanDeaver
- 0 nays
- WITNESSES:** For — Rae Queen, ACT San Antonio; Mike Meroney, Coalition for Effective Educator Preparation; Sandra West, Science Teachers of Texas; (*Registered, but did not testify:* Kate Kuhlmann, Association of Texas Professional Educators; Holly Eaton, Texas Classroom Teachers Association)
- Against — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Melva V. Cardenas, Texas Association of School Personnel Administrators)
- On — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Tim Miller, Texas Education Agency)
- BACKGROUND:** Education Code, sec. 21.0441 establishes admission requirements for educator preparation programs, including grade point average requirements. Programs may admit under extraordinary circumstances a certain percentage of students whose GPA is below the required minimum. Some say it is in the best interest of the state to modify this exception.
- DIGEST:** CSHB 1300 would permit an educator preparation program to admit in extraordinary circumstances a person who failed to satisfy a GPA requirement provided that not more than 10 percent of the total number of persons in a year failed to satisfy the requirement and that each person admitted performs, before admission, at a satisfactory level on an appropriate subject matter examination for each subject in which the person sought certification.

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This bill would take effect September 1, 2015.