

***Killeen Independent School District
Board Agenda Item Action Sheet***

Date: February 17, 2026

Agenda Item Caption: Delay of Teacher Certification Requirements

Purpose of Agenda Item: Action Needed

Administrative Recommendation: Move to approve the Delay of Teacher Certification Requirements to ensure continuity of instruction by allowing the District to continue staffing instructional positions while candidate's complete certification requirements within the approved timeframe.

Background Information: House Bill 2 (HB 2) establishes new teacher certification requirements and amends the Texas Education Code (TEC), including the addition of §21.0032, which limits a school district's ability to exempt educators from certain certification requirements under TEC §21.003 through a District of Innovation (DOI) plan. These limitations will phase in over the next three academic years. Approval would allow the district to continue staffing instructional positions while candidate's complete certification requirements.

HB 2 allows school districts to apply for a commissioner-approved delay in implementing the new teacher certification requirements for teachers of record in foundation curriculum courses until the beginning of the 2029–2030 school year. Districts seeking a delay must obtain formal approval from the district's board of trustees and include confirmation of board approval with the application submitted to the commissioner of education.

Fiscal Analysis: None

Regulatory Requirement: None

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Attachments: 1) Delay of Teacher Certification slide deck

Signature Requested: No