The State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) proposes the repeal of §§231.121, 231.123, 231.125, 231.127, 231.129, 231.131, 231.133, 231.135, 231.151, 231.153, 231.161, 231.163, 231.165, 231.167, 231.169, 231.171, 231.173, 231.177, 231.191, 231.193, 231.195, 231.201, 231.203, 231.205, 231.207, 231.209, 231.211, 231.213, 231.215, 231.217, 231.219, 231.221, 231.231, 231.241, 231.271, 231.281, 231.283, 231.285, 231.287, 231.289, 231.291, 231.293, 231.301, 231.303, 231.305, 231.307, 231.309, 231.311, 231.313, 231.331, 231.333, 231.335, 231.337, 231.339, 231.341, 231.343, 231.361, 231.363, 231.365, 231.381, 231.383, 231.385, 231.391, 231.392, 231.393, 231.394, 231.395, 231.397, 231.401, 231.403, 231.405, 231.421, 231.423, 231.425, 231.427, 231.429, 231.441, 231.443, 231.445, 231.461, 231.463, 231.465, 231.467, 231.469, 231.481, 231.483, 231.485, 231.487, 231.489, 231.491, 231.501, 231.503, 231.571, 231.573, 231.575, 231.577, 231.579, 231.581, 231.583, 231.585, 231.587, 231.589, 231.591, 231.593, 231.595, 231.631, 231.633, and 231.651, concerning requirements for public school personnel assignments. The proposal would repeal requirements related to the criteria for school districts to make personnel assignments for Grades 9-12.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND JUSTIFICATION: The SBEC rules in 19 TAC Chapter 231 establish the personnel assignments that correlate with appropriate certifications and offer guidance to school districts and educators by providing the list of courses by grade level and subject area and identifying the corresponding certificates and other requirements for the placement of individuals into classroom and/or campus assignments. This information assists districts with hiring and personnel assignment decisions. In a separate rule action, personnel assignments for Grades 9-12 are reorganized in proposed new Subchapter E, which can be found in the Proposed Rules section of this issue of the *Texas Register*. The following table summarizes the repealed divisions that would be merged in new Subchapter E.

Figure: 19 TAC Chapter 231-Preamble

FISCAL IMPACT: Jessica McLoughlin, associate commissioner for educator preparation, certification, and enforcement, has determined that for the first five years enforcing or administering the rules does not have foreseeable implications relating to cost or revenues of the state or local governments. There are no additional costs to entities required to comply with the proposal.

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT IMPACT: The proposal has no effect on local economy; therefore, no local employment impact statement is required under Texas Government Code (TGC), §2001.022.

SMALL BUSINESS, MICROBUSINESS, AND RURAL COMMUNITY IMPACT: The proposal has no direct adverse economic impact for small businesses, microbusinesses, or rural communities; therefore, no regulatory flexibility analysis, specified in TGC, §2006.002, is required.

COST INCREASE TO REGULATED PERSONS: The proposal does not impose a cost on regulated persons, another state agency, a special district, or a local government and, therefore, is not subject to TGC, §2001.0045.

TAKINGS IMPACT ASSESSMENT: The proposal does not impose a burden on private real property and, therefore, does not constitute a taking under TGC, §2007.043.

GOVERNMENT GROWTH IMPACT: TEA staff prepared a Government Growth Impact Statement assessment for this proposed rulemaking. During the first five years the proposed rulemaking would be in effect, it would not create or eliminate a government program; would not require the creation of new employee positions or elimination of existing employee positions; would not require an increase or decrease in future legislative appropriations to the agency; would not require an increase or decrease in fees paid to the agency; would not create a new regulation; would repeal existing regulations and transfer some provisions to proposed new Subchapter E to accommodate new courses with related certificates designed to broaden placement opportunities for individuals across a wider range of assignments; would not limit or expand an existing regulation; would not increase or decrease the number of individuals subject to its applicability; and would not positively or adversely affect the state's economy.

PUBLIC BENEFIT AND COST TO PERSONS: Ms. McLoughlin, associate commissioner for educator preparation, certification, and enforcement, has determined that for the first five years the proposal is in effect, the

public benefit anticipated would be aligning the rules with statute and reflecting current procedures. There is no anticipated economic cost to persons who are required to comply with the proposal.

DATA AND REPORTING IMPACT: The proposal would have no new data and reporting impact.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: The proposal does not require an environmental impact analysis because the proposal does not include major environmental rules under TGC, §2001.0225.

PRINCIPAL AND CLASSROOM TEACHER PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS: TEA staff has determined the proposal would not require a written report or other paperwork to be completed by a principal or classroom teacher.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: The SBEC requests public comments on the proposal, including, per Texas Government Code, §2001.024(a)(8), information related to the cost, benefit, or effect of the proposed rule and any applicable data, research, or analysis, from any person required to comply with the proposed rule or any other interested person. The public comment period on the proposal begins on October 17, 2025, and ends November 17, 2025. A form for submitting public comments is available on the TEA website at https://tea.texas.gov/About_TEA/Laws_and_Rules/SBEC_Rules_(TAC)/Proposed_State_Board_for_Educator_Certification_Rules/. Comments on the proposal may also be submitted by calling (512) 475-1497. The SBEC will also take registered oral and written comments on the proposal during the December 2025 meeting's public comment period in accordance with the SBEC board operating policies and procedures.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY. The repeals are proposed under Texas Education Code (TEC), §21.003(a), which 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 the TEC, Chapter 21, Subchapter B; TEC, §21.031(a), which states that the SBEC shall regulate and oversee all aspects of the certification, continuing education, and standards of conduct of public school educators; TEC, §21.041(b)(1), which requires 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 the TEC, Chapter 21, Subchapter B; TEC, §21.041(b)(2), which requires the SBEC to propose rules that specify the classes of educator certificates to be issued, including emergency certificates; and TEC, §21.064, which requires the SBEC to stop the issuance and renewal of master teacher certificates effective September 1, 2019, to add a designation of "legacy" to each master teacher certificate issued, and to recognize these certificates until they expire.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The repeals implement Texas Education Code (TEC), §§21.003(a), 21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1) and (2), and 21.064.

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- §231.121. English I-IV, Grades 9-12.
- §231.123. English I and II for Speakers of Other Languages, Grades 9-12.
- §231.125. English as a Second Language, Grades 9-12.
- §231.127. Reading I, II, and III, Grades 9-12.
- §231.129. College Readiness and Study Skills, Grades 9-12.
- §231.131. Writing, Grades 9-12.
- §231.133. Speech, Grades 9-12.
- §231.135. Journalism, Grades 9-12.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The repeals implement Texas Education Code (TEC), §§21.003(a), 21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1) and (2), and 21.064.

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§231.151. Languages Other Than English, Grades 9-12. §231.153. American Sign Language, Grades 9-12.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The repeals implement Texas Education Code (TEC), §§21.003(a), 21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1) and (2), and 21.064.

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§231.161. History, Grades 9-12.
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- §231.163. Geography, Grades 9-12.
- §231.165. Government, Grades 9-12.
- §231.167. Psychology, Grades 9-12.
- §231.169. Sociology, Grades 9-12.
- §231.171. Special Topics in Social Studies, Grades 9-12.
- §231.173. Economics and Personal Financial Literacy, Grades 9-12.
- §231.177. Ethnic Studies, Grades 9-12.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The repeals implement Texas Education Code (TEC), §§21.003(a), 21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1) and (2), and 21.064.

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§231.191. Mathematics, Grades 9-12.

§231.193. Algebraic Reasoning, Grades 9-12.

§231.195. Statistics, Grades 9-12.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The repeals implement Texas Education Code (TEC), §§21.003(a), 21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1) and (2), and 21.064.

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- §231.201. Biology, Grades 9-12.
- §231.203. Chemistry, Grades 9-12.
- §231.205. Physics, Grades 9-12.
- §231.207. Integrated Physics and Chemistry, Grades 9-12.
- §231.209. Principles of Technology, Grades 9-12.
- §231.211. Astronomy, Grades 9-12.
- §231.213. Earth and Space Science, Grades 9-12.
- §231.215. Environmental Systems, Environmental Science, and Aquatic Science, Grades 9-12.
- §231.217. Anatomy and Physiology, Medical Microbiology, and Pathophysiology, Grades 9-12.
- §231.219. Scientific Research and Design, Grades 9-12.
- §231.221. Specialized Topics in Science, Grades 9-12.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The repeal implements Texas Education Code (TEC), §§21.003(a), 21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1) and (2), and 21.064.

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§231.231. Health and Physical Education, Grades 9-12.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The repeal implements Texas Education Code (TEC), §§21.003(a), 21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1) and (2), and 21.064.

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§231.241. Art, Music, Theatre, and Dance, Grades 9-12.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The repeal implements Texas Education Code (TEC), §§21.003(a), 21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1) and (2), and 21.064.

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§231.271. Career Development, Grades 9-12.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The repeals implement Texas Education Code (TEC), §§21.003(a), 21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1) and (2), and 21.064.

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§231.281. Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources, Grades 9-12.

§231.283. Advanced Animal Science and Advanced Plant and Soil Science, Grades 9-12.

§231.285. Agribusiness Management and Marketing, Grades 9-12.

§231.287. Mathematical Applications in Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources, Grades 9-12.

§231.289. Agricultural Equipment Design and Fabrication; Agricultural Structures Design and Fabrication; Agricultural Mechanics and Metal Technologies; Agricultural Power Systems, Grades 9-12.

§231.291. Floral Design, Grades 9-12.

§231.293. Energy and Natural Resource Technology, Grades 9-12.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The repeals implement Texas Education Code (TEC), §§21.003(a), 21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1) and (2), and 21.064.

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- §231.301. Principles of Architecture; Principles of Construction, Grades 9-12.
- §231.303. Interior Design, Grades 9-12.
- §231.305. Architectural Design, Grades 9-12.
- §231.307. Construction Management; Construction Technology, Grades 9-12.
- §231.309. Building Maintenance Technology, Grades 9-12.
- §231.311. Mill and Cabinetmaking Technology, Grades 9-12.
- §231.313. Electrical Technology; Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) and Refrigeration Technology; Masonry Technology; and Plumbing Technology, Grades 9-12.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The repeals implement Texas Education Code (TEC), §§21.003(a), 21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1) and (2), and 21.064.

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§231.331. Professional Communications, Grades 9-12.

§231.333. Principles of Arts, Audio/Video Technology, and Communications, Grades 9-12.

§231.335. Animation, Grades 9-12.

§231.337. Audio/Video Production; Graphic Design and Illustration, Grades 9-12.

§231.339. Photography, Grades 9-12.

§231.341. Printing and Imaging Technology, Grades 9-12.

§231.343. Fashion Design, Grades 9-12.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The repeals implement Texas Education Code (TEC), §§21.003(a), 21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1) and (2), and 21.064.

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§231.361. Business Information Management; Business Law; and Touch System Data Entry, Grades 9-12. §231.363. Business Management; Business Lab; Global Business; Human Resources Management; Principles of Business, Marketing, and Finance; and Virtual Business, Grades 9-12. §231.365. Business English, Grades 9-12.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The repeals implement Texas Education Code (TEC), §§21.003(a), 21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1) and (2), and 21.064.

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§231.381. Education and Training, Grades 9-12.

§231.383. Human Growth and Development, Grades 9-12.

§231.385. Child Development, Child Guidance, or Child Development Associates Foundation, Grades 9-12.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The repeals implement Texas Education Code (TEC), §§21.003(a), 21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1) and (2), and 21.064.

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- §231.391. Banking and Financial Services, Grades 9-12.
- §231.392. Money Matters, Grades 9-12.
- §231.393. Accounting I; Financial Analysis; Insurance Operations; and Securities and Investments, Grades 9-12.
- §231.394. Statistics and Business Decision Making, Grades 9-12.
- §231.395. Financial Mathematics, Grades 9-12.
- §231.397. Accounting II, Grades 9-12.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The repeals implement Texas Education Code (TEC), §§21.003(a), 21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1) and (2), and 21.064.

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§231.401. Government and Public Administration, Grades 9-12.

§231.403. Revenue, Taxation, and Regulation, Grades 9-12.

§231.405. National Security, Grades 9-12.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The repeals implement Texas Education Code (TEC), §§21.003(a), 21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1) and (2), and 21.064.

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§231.421. Health Science, Grades 9-12.

§231.423. Anatomy and Physiology, Medical Microbiology, Pathophysiology, Respiratory Therapy I, Respiratory Therapy II, Grades 9-12.

§231.425. Mathematics for Medical Professionals; Medical Coding and Billing, Grades 9-12.

§231.427. Health Informatics, Grades 9-12.

§231.429. Healthcare Administration and Management; Leadership and Management in Nursing, Grades 9-12.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The repeals implement Texas Education Code (TEC), §§21.003(a), 21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1) and (2), and 21.064.

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§231.441. Hospitality and Tourism, Grades 9-12.

§231.443. Culinary Arts, Grades 9-12.

§231.445. Food Science, Grades 9-12.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The repeals implement Texas Education Code (TEC), §§21.003(a), 21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1) and (2), and 21.064.

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§231.461. Human Services, Grades 9-12.

§231.463. Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness, Grades 9-12.

§231.465. Counseling and Mental Health, Grades 9-12.

§231.467. Dollars and Sense, Grades 9-12.

§231.469. Cosmetology, Grades 9-12.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The repeals implement Texas Education Code (TEC), §§21.003(a), 21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1) and (2), and 21.064.

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§231.481. Information Technology, Grades 9-12.

§231.483. Digital Media, Grades 9-12.

§231.485. Web Communications, Web Design, Grades 9-12.

§231.487. Computer Maintenance, Grades 9-12.

§231.489. Computer Technician; Information Technology, Grades 9-12.

§231.491. Independent Study in Evolving/Emerging Technologies, Independent Study in Technology Applications, Grades 9-12.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The repeals implement Texas Education Code (TEC), §§21.003(a), 21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1) and (2), and 21.064.

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§231.501. Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security, Grades 9-12. §231.503. Forensic Science, Grades 9-12.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The repeals implement Texas Education Code (TEC), §§21.003(a), 21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1) and (2), and 21.064.

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§231.521. Manufacturing, Grades 9-12.

§231.523. Welding, Grades 9-12.

§231.525. Manufacturing Engineering Technology II, Grades 9-12.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The repeals implement Texas Education Code (TEC), §§21.003(a), 21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1) and (2), and 21.064.

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§231.541. Marketing, Grades 9-12.

§231.543. Advertising, Grades 9-12.

§231.545. Fashion Marketing, Grades 9-12.

§231.547. Entrepreneurship, Grades 9-12.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The repeals implement Texas Education Code (TEC), §§21.003(a), 21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1) and (2), and 21.064.

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- §231.561. Principles of Applied Engineering, Grades 9-12.
- §231.563. Principles of Biosciences, Grades 9-12.
- §231.565. Biotechnology I; Biotechnology II, Grades 9-12.
- §231.567. Engineering Design and Presentation, Grades 9-12.
- §231.569. Engineering Mathematics; Robotics II, Grades 9-12.
- §231.571. AC/DC Electronics; Solid State Electronics, Grades 9-12.
- §231.573. Principles of Technology, Grades 9-12.
- §231.575. Engineering Design and Problem Solving, Grades 9-12.
- §231.577. Scientific Research and Design, Grades 9-12.
- §231.579. Engineering Science, Grades 9-12.
- §231.581. Digital Electronics, Grades 9-12.
- §231.583. Robotics I, Grades 9-12.
- §231.585. Computer Science, Grades 9-12.
- §231.587. Fundamentals of Computer Science, Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles, Grades 9-12.
- §231.589. Game Programming and Design, Grades 9-12.
- §231.591. Mobile Applications Development, Grades 9-12.
- §231.593. Cybersecurity, Grades 9-12.
- §231.595. Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science, Grades 9-12.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The repeals implement Texas Education Code (TEC), §§21.003(a), 21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1) and (2), and 21.064.

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§231.631. Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics, Grades 9-12. §231.633. Small Engine Technology, Grades 9-12.

CROSS REFERENCE TO STATUTE. The repeal implements Texas Education Code (TEC), §§21.003(a), 21.031(a), 21.041(b)(1) and (2), and 21.064.

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§231.651. Energy, Grades 9-12.