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GUILLEN ENCOURAGES TRAINING IN TRADE SKILLS
H.B. 3349 Comes Into Effect September 1, 2017

AUSTIN - Representative Ryan Guillen (D – Rural South Texas) is an author of H.B. 3349, which eases the path to teacher certification for individuals with extensive vocational experience. The bill takes effect September 1, and is meant to encourage those in technical careers nearing retirement age to take up teaching the next generation of skilled laborers.

"As a former High School Vocational Agriculture teacher, I know how important it is to make sure the youth of today get training in vocational skills so they can start working in technical professions," remarked Guillen.

H.B. 3349 creates an abbreviated certification program that allows those in technical fields who are reaching retirement age to share their knowledge with the next generations. Individuals with relevant work experience and who have at least a GED will be able to become certified as a vocational teacher under this program which is far quicker than under the traditional certification program. H.B. 3349 will also lift the burden on school districts to fill career and technology teaching positions.

"The trade and industrial workforce is shrinking, so we are finding ways to expand it," said Guillen. "As more skilled workers are reaching retirement age, this measure will ease their path to becoming a teacher and encourage them to train more students and enhance the workforce."

Serving ten rural South Texas counties in the Texas House of Representatives, Ryan Guillen is known for his hard work, fierce independence, and relentless efforts for South Texas families. Recently, Capitol Inside called him a "House Bill Machine," and a "one-person assembly line for legislation." Since elected, few other legislators have passed more bills than Guillen. Sign up for updates at ryanguillen.com, facebook.com/representative.guillen, and twitter.com/ryanguillen

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