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S.B. No. 571

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the eligibility of certain contract employees to
3 provide services to a public school and access to the registry of
4 persons who are not eligible for employment at public schools.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Sections 22.0834(a) and (o), Education Code, are
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (a) This [~~Except as provided by Subsection (a-1), this~~]
9 subsection applies to a person who is not an applicant for or holder
10 of a certificate under Subchapter B, Chapter 21, and who is offered
11 employment by an entity or a subcontractor of an entity that
12 contracts with a school district, open-enrollment charter school,
13 or shared services arrangement to provide services, if[+]

14 [~~(1)~~] the employee or applicant has or will have
15 [~~continuing~~] duties related to the contracted services that require
16 the employee or applicant to be physically present at an
17 instructional facility[, and

18 [~~(2) the employee or applicant has or will have direct~~
19 ~~contact with students~~].

20 (o) A school district, charter school, regional education
21 service center, commercial transportation company, education
22 shared services arrangement, or qualified school contractor,
23 contracting entity, or subcontracting entity may not permit an
24 employee to whom Subsection (a) applies to provide services at a

1 school if the employee:

2 (1) has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor
3 offense that would prevent a person from being employed under
4 Section 22.085(a); or

5 (2) is identified as having engaged in misconduct
6 described by Section 22.093(c)(1)(A) or (B) using the interagency
7 reportable conduct search engine established under Chapter 810,
8 Health and Safety Code.

9 SECTION 2. Section 22.092(d), Education Code, is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 (d) The agency shall provide equivalent access to the
12 registry maintained under this section to:

13 (1) private schools;

14 (2) public schools; ~~and~~

15 (3) nonprofit teacher organizations approved by the
16 commissioner for the purpose of participating in the tutoring
17 program established under Section 33.913; and

18 (4) entities and subcontractors of entities that
19 contract with a school district, open-enrollment charter school, or
20 shared services arrangement to provide services.

21 SECTION 3. The following provisions of the Education Code
22 are repealed:

23 (1) Sections 22.0834(a-1) and (1); and

24 (2) Section 22.0834(p)(2).

25 SECTION 4. Section 22.0834, Education Code, as amended by
26 this Act, applies only to a contract entered into on or after the
27 effective date of this Act.

1 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.