

Amend SB 893 (House Committee Report) as follows:

(1) On page 2, strike lines 25 and 26, and substitute the following:

SECTION 3. Section 21.257, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(2) On page 3, between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

(a-1) In making a proposed conclusion of law whether good cause exists for termination, suspension without pay, or nonrenewal of a teacher's employment contract, the hearing examiner must apply any board policy in the record concerning or defining good cause for termination, suspension without pay, or nonrenewal of a teacher's employment contract. The hearing examiner shall make all proposed findings of fact supported by a preponderance of evidence so that the board of trustees or board subcommittee may make an informed determination whether good cause for termination, suspension without pay, or nonrenewal as defined by board policy exists.