

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Current law provides that the first time a principal is employed by a school district is under a probationary contract for the first year of employment, regardless of experience with other districts. S.B. 1394 allows school districts the option of offering term contracts the first year a principal or classroom teacher is employed with the district if the individual already has experience as a principal or classroom teacher, respectively.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 21.102(a), Education Code, to require a person who is employed as a teacher by a school district for the first time or who has not been employed by the district for two consecutive school years subsequent to August 28, 1967, to be employed under a probationary contract, except as provided by Section 21.202(b).

SECTION 2. Amends Section 21.202, Education Code, as follows:

Sec. 21.202. PROBATIONARY CONTRACT REQUIRED. (a) Requires the teacher, before he or she may be employed under a term contract, to be employed under a probationary contract for the period provided by Subchapter C, except as provided by Subsection (b).

(b) Authorizes a school district to employ a person as a principal, or classroom teacher, under a term contract if the person has experience as a public school principal or classroom teacher, respectively, regardless of whether the person is being employed by the school district for the first time or whether a probationary contract would otherwise be required under Section 21.102.

SECTION 3. Provides that this Act applies beginning with the 2003-2004 school year.

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.