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H.B. No. 558

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to rehiring experienced teachers under probationary
3 contracts.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 21.102(a), Education Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (a) A person who is employed as a teacher by a school
8 district for the first time, or who has not been employed by the
9 district for two consecutive school years subsequent to August 28,
10 1967, shall be employed under a probationary contract. A person who
11 previously was employed as a teacher by a district and, after at
12 least a two-year lapse in district employment returns to district
13 employment, may be employed under a probationary contract.

14 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2003-2004
15 school year.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.