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H.B. No. 2102

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to sabbaticals for experienced public school teachers.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 21, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 21.414 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.414. SABBATICALS FOR EXPERIENCED TEACHERS. (a)

The board of trustees of a school district, in accordance with district policy adopted for the purpose, may grant to a teacher employed by the district a sabbatical for a period not to exceed two regularly scheduled semesters or, if the teacher is assigned to a school operated on a year-round system under Section 25.084, an equivalent period.

(b) To be eligible for a sabbatical under this section, a teacher must:

(1) have at least 10 years of experience as a teacher;

and

(2) meet other eligibility requirements established by the board of trustees as part of the school district's sabbatical policy.

(c) During the period a teacher is on a sabbatical granted under this section, a teacher employed by the district who holds a certificate issued under Subchapter B shall teach each class that would otherwise be taught by the teacher who is on sabbatical.

(d) The board of trustees granting a sabbatical under this

1 section shall pay the cost of the sabbatical from any federal funds
2 or funds or grants awarded to or funds donated to the school
3 district that may be used for that purpose.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.