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S.B. No. 1394

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to employment contract requirements for certain public
3 school principals.

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

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

7 (a) Except as provided by Section 21.202(b), a [A] person
8 who is employed as a teacher by a school district for the first
9 time, or who has not been employed by the district for two
10 consecutive school years subsequent to August 28, 1967, shall be
11 employed under a probationary contract.

12 SECTION 2. Section 21.202, Education Code, is amended to
13 read as follows:

14 Sec. 21.202. PROBATIONARY CONTRACT REQUIRED. (a) Except
15 as provided by Subsection (b), before [Before] a teacher may be
16 employed under a term contract, the teacher must be employed under a
17 probationary contract for the period provided by Subchapter C.

18 (b) A school district may employ a person as a principal
19 under a term contract if the person has experience as a public
20 school principal, regardless of whether the person is being
21 employed by the school district for the first time or whether a
22 probationary contract would otherwise be required under Section
23 21.102.

24 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2003-2004

1 school year.

2 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.