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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.