

1-1 By: Shapiro S.B. No. 1394
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2003; March 20, 2003, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 9, 2003,
1-4 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
1-5 April 9, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to employment contract requirements for certain public
1-9 school principals.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 21.102, Education Code,
1-12 is amended to read as follows:

1-13 (a) Except as provided by Section 21.202(b), a [A] person
1-14 who is employed as a teacher by a school district for the first
1-15 time, or who has not been employed by the district for two
1-16 consecutive school years subsequent to August 28, 1967, shall be
1-17 employed under a probationary contract.

1-18 SECTION 2. Section 21.202, Education Code, is amended to
1-19 read as follows:

1-20 Sec. 21.202. PROBATIONARY CONTRACT REQUIRED. (a) Except
1-21 as provided by Subsection (b), before [Before] a teacher may be
1-22 employed under a term contract, the teacher must be employed under a
1-23 probationary contract for the period provided by Subchapter C.

1-24 (b) A school district may employ a person as a principal
1-25 under a term contract if the person has experience as a public
1-26 school principal, regardless of whether the person is being
1-27 employed by the school district for the first time or whether a
1-28 probationary contract would otherwise be required under Section
1-29 21.102.

1-30 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2003-2004
1-31 school year.

1-32 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-33 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-34 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-35 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-36 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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