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S.B. No. 1856

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the applicability of laws relating to conflicts of
3 interest to regional education service centers.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 8, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 8.008 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 8.008. APPLICABILITY OF LAWS RELATING TO CONFLICT OF
8 INTEREST. (a) A member of the board of directors and the executive
9 director of a regional education service center are each considered
10 to be a local public official for purposes of Chapter 171, Local
11 Government Code. For purposes of that chapter a member of the board
12 of directors and the executive director of a regional education
13 service center are each considered to have a substantial interest
14 in a business entity if a person related to the member or the
15 executive director in the third degree by consanguinity or
16 affinity, as determined under Chapter 573, Government Code, has a
17 substantial interest in the business entity under Section 171.002,
18 Local Government Code.

19 (b) A regional education service center is considered to be
20 a political subdivision for purposes of Section 131.903, Local
21 Government Code.

22 (c) To the extent consistent with this section, if a law
23 described by this section applies to a school district or the board
24 of trustees of a school district, the law applies to a regional

1 education service center and the board of directors and executive
2 director of a regional education service center.

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