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S.B. No. 189

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the operation of the Texas School for the Blind and
3 Visually Impaired.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 30.021, Education Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

7 (g) If a school district or another educational entity
8 requests an assessment of a student's educational or related needs
9 related to visual impairment, the school may conduct an assessment
10 and charge a reasonable fee for the assessment.

11 SECTION 2. Section 30.023(d), Education Code, is amended to
12 read as follows:

13 (d) The board shall annually establish the superintendent's
14 salary. The annual salary [~~must be based on not more than 230 days~~
15 ~~of service and~~] may not exceed 120 percent of the annual salary of
16 the highest paid instructional administrator at the school.

17 SECTION 3. Section 30.024, Education Code, is amended by
18 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (g) to read as
19 follows:

20 (b) The governing board of the school may enter into an
21 employment contract with any employee who provides, or supervises
22 any employee who provides, direct and regular educational services
23 to students or who provides other professional educational
24 services. A teacher employed under this subsection is not subject

1 to Section 2252.901, Government Code. Each teacher shall be
2 employed under a term contract as provided by Subchapter E, Chapter
3 21, or under a probationary contract as provided by Subchapter C,
4 Chapter 21. An employee employed under a contract under this
5 subsection:

6 (1) shall be paid in accordance with a salary
7 structure adopted by the superintendent with the concurrence of the
8 board that provides salaries equal, on a daily-rate basis, to
9 salaries paid to employees employed in comparable positions by the
10 Austin Independent School District;

11 (2) is not eligible for longevity pay under Subchapter
12 D, Chapter 659, Government Code, and is not entitled to a paid day
13 off from work on any national or state holiday;

14 (3) is eligible for sick leave accrual under the
15 General Appropriations Act in each month in which at least one day
16 of the month is included in the term of the employment contract and
17 in any other month in which work is performed or paid leave is
18 taken;

19 (4) may be permitted by the board to take paid time off
20 from work during the term of the employment contract for personal
21 reasons as designated by the board, but the paid time off may not
22 exceed three days per contract term and may not be carried forward
23 from one contract term to a subsequent contract term;

24 (5) may be permitted by the board to be paid the salary
25 designated in the employment contract in 12 [~~equal~~] monthly
26 installments; and

27 (6) shall work the hours established by the

1 superintendent [~~board~~].

2 (g) The school may pay to a teacher or employee who provides
3 services or supervises an employee who provides services as
4 described by Subsection (b) and who is employed in a supplemental
5 program under Section 30.021(c) a salary that, on a daily-rate
6 basis, does not exceed the salary paid by the Austin Independent
7 School District to an employee employed in a comparable position
8 during the regular school year.

9 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.