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S.B. No. 1486

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to eligibility for certification as an independent hearing examiner for teacher contract hearings.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21.252(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The commissioner shall certify hearing examiners according to the criteria established under Subsection (a). ~~[A person certified as a hearing examiner or the law firm with which the person is associated may not serve as an agent or representative of:~~

~~[(1) a school district,~~

~~[(2) a teacher in any dispute with a school district,~~

~~or~~

~~[(3) an organization of school employees, school administrators, or school boards.]~~

SECTION 2. Section 21.252(b), Education Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to the qualifications of a hearing examiner in a hearing under Subchapter F, Chapter 21, Education Code, that is requested on or after September 1, 2005. The qualifications of a hearing examiner in a hearing requested before that date are governed by the law in effect when the hearing was requested, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.