

Amend CSHB 2237 as follows:

(1) On page 3, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill:

SECTION _____. Section 7.056(e), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) Except as provided by Subsection (f), a school campus or district may not receive an exemption or waiver under this section from:

(1) a prohibition on conduct that constitutes a criminal offense;

(2) a requirement imposed by federal law or rule, including a requirement for special education or bilingual education programs; or

(3) a requirement, restriction, or prohibition relating to:

(A) essential knowledge or skills under Section 28.002 or minimum graduation requirements under Section 28.025;

(B) public school accountability as provided by Subchapters B, C, D, and G, Chapter 39;

(C) extracurricular activities under Section 33.081 or participation in a University Interscholastic League area, regional, or state competition under Section 33.0812;

(D) health and safety under Chapter 38;

(E) purchasing under Subchapter B, Chapter 44;

(F) elementary school class size limits, except as provided by Section 25.112;

(G) removal of a disruptive student from the classroom under Subchapter A, Chapter 37;

(H) at-risk programs under Subchapter C, Chapter 29;

(I) prekindergarten programs under Subchapter E, Chapter 29;

(J) educator rights and benefits under Subchapters A, C, D, E, F, G, and I, Chapter 21, or under Subchapter A, Chapter 22;

(K) special education programs under Subchapter A, Chapter 29;

(L) bilingual education programs under Subchapter B, Chapter 29; [~~or~~]

(M) the requirements for the first day of instruction under Section 25.0811; or

(N) the prohibition on assignment of a student to an inexperienced and uncertified teacher under Section 28.0216, except as otherwise authorized under that section.

(2) On page 8, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill:

SECTION _____. Subchapter B, Chapter 28, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 28.0216 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.0216. LIMITS ON ASSIGNMENT OF STUDENTS TO TEACHERS.

(a) This section applies only to a school district with an enrollment of 5,000 or more students.

(b) A student in kindergarten through grade six may not be assigned for two consecutive school years to a teacher who:

(1) has less than one year of teaching experience; and

(2) does not hold the appropriate certificate required under Section 21.003.

(c) In a subject for which a student is assessed under Section 39.023(a) or (c), a student in grade seven through 12 may not be assigned for two consecutive years to a teacher who:

(1) has less than one year of teaching experience; and

(2) does not hold the appropriate certificate required under Section 21.003.

(d) The prohibition prescribed by Subsection (b) or (c) does not apply if the student's parent or other person standing in parental relation to the student and a school counselor or school administrator agree that assignment of the student to the teacher should be allowed.

(e) The commissioner may grant a waiver from the requirements of this section to a school district if the commissioner finds that extreme circumstances in the district warrant the waiver. The commissioner may adopt rules as necessary to implement this section.

(3) Renumber the SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.