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S.B. No. 1664

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to local awards plans under the public school educator excellence awards program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 21.704, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) A district-level committee for a school district that intends to participate in the program~~[, such as the district-level planning and decision-making committee established under Subchapter F, Chapter 11,]~~ shall develop a local awards plan for the district. The local awards plan may provide for all campuses in the district to participate in the program or only certain campuses selected by the district-level committee. At least 80 percent [A majority] of the employees subject to the minimum salary schedule under Section 21.402 or entitled to a wage increase under Section 22.107 who are [classroom teachers] assigned to a campus that is selected by the district-level committee to participate in the program must approve participation to be included in the local awards plan.

(a-1) The district-level committee under Subsection (a) must be composed entirely of district employees who are subject to the minimum salary schedule under Section 21.402 or entitled to a wage increase under Section 22.107. At least two-thirds of the members

1 of the district-level committee must be classroom teachers.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.