

Amend CSHB 829 as follows:

(1) On page 1, line 5, immediately following "amended by", insert "amending Subsection (b) and".

(2) On page 1, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the commissioner[7] after due notice to the parties interested[7] shall, not later than the 180th day after the date an appeal under Subsection (a) is filed, hold a hearing and issue a decision without cost to the parties involved. In conducting a hearing under this subsection, the commissioner has the same authority relating to discovery and conduct of a hearing as a hearing examiner has under Subchapter F, Chapter 21. This section does not deprive any party of any legal remedy.

SECTION 2. Section 7.057(b), Education Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to an appeal to the commissioner of education filed on or after the effective date of this Act. An appeal to the commissioner of education filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the appeal was filed, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

(3) Renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.