BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current law requires participation in the school leadership pilot program (program) by the principal of a campus rated academically unacceptable and any person hired to replace that principal. This requirement necessitates that the person hired to replace the original principal spend significant time away from the campus.

H.B. 4435 requires a principal who was employed as a principal at a campus that was rated academically unacceptable during the preceding school year, rather than the principal and any person employed to replace that principal, to participate in the program and to complete the program requirements not later than a date determined by the commissioner of education.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 11.203(d), Education Code, as follows:

(d) Requires a principal who was employed as a principal at a campus that was rated academically unacceptable during the preceding school year to participate in the school leadership pilot program for principals (program) and complete the program requirements not later than a date determined by the commissioner of education. Deletes existing text requiring a principal of a campus rated academically unacceptable, as well as any person employed to replace that principal, to participate in the program and complete the program requirements not later than a date determined by the commissioner of education.

SECTION 2. Provides that Section 11.203(d), Education Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a principal employed at a school that is rated academically unacceptable during the 2008-2009 school year.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2009.