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H.B. No. 3573

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the duties of and qualifications for public school
3 principals.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 11.202(b), Education Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (b) Each principal shall:

8 (1) except as provided by Subsection (d), approve all
9 teacher and staff appointments for that principal's campus from a
10 pool of applicants selected by the district or of applicants who
11 meet the hiring requirements established by the district, based on
12 criteria developed by the principal after informal consultation
13 with the faculty;

14 (2) set specific education objectives for the
15 principal's campus, through the planning process under Section
16 11.253;

17 (3) develop budgets for the principal's campus;

18 (4) assume the administrative responsibility and
19 instructional leadership, under the supervision of the
20 superintendent, for discipline at the campus;

21 (5) assign, evaluate, and promote personnel assigned
22 to the campus;

23 (6) recommend to the superintendent the termination or
24 suspension of an employee assigned to the campus or the nonrenewal

1 of the term contract of an employee assigned to the campus; [~~and~~]

2 (7) ensure that each educator assigned to the campus
3 receives appropriate and sufficient professional development;

4 (8) ensure that each teacher assigned to the campus
5 has the necessary educational and related materials for the teacher
6 to accomplish the teacher's assigned duties;

7 (9) ensure that the campus personnel, facilities, and
8 grounds are managed in a manner that serves excellence in
9 instruction in a safe and clean environment; and

10 (10) perform other duties assigned by the
11 superintendent pursuant to the policy of the board of trustees.

12 SECTION 2. Section 21.046(b), Education Code, is amended to
13 read as follows:

14 (b) The qualifications for certification as a principal
15 must be sufficiently flexible so that an outstanding teacher may
16 qualify by substituting approved experience and professional
17 training for part of the educational requirements. Supervised and
18 approved on-the-job experience in addition to required internship
19 shall be accepted in lieu of classroom hours. The qualifications
20 must emphasize:

21 (1) instructional leadership;

22 (2) administration, supervision, and communication
23 skills;

24 (3) curriculum and instruction management;

25 (4) performance evaluation;

26 (5) organization; [~~and~~]

27 (6) fiscal management;

- 1 (7) professional development;
- 2 (8) human resources management;
- 3 (9) employment law; and
- 4 (10) local, state, and national workplace safety
- 5 standards.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.