Amend CSSB 8 by amending SECTION 4 to read as follows:

SECTION 4. Section 21.157, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 21.157. NECESSARY REDUCTION OF PERSONNEL. A teacher employed under a continuing contract may be released at the end of a school year and the teacher's employment with the school district terminated at that time because of a necessary reduction of personnel by the school district, with those reductions made [in the reverse order of seniority] primarily based upon teacher appraisals administered under Sec. 21.352 in the specific teaching fields.