

Amend CSSB 8 to include the following sections and to renumber the following sections appropriately.

SECTION _____. Section 21.257, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) A determination by the hearing examiner regarding good cause for the suspension of a teacher without pay or the termination of a probationary, continuing, or term contract is a conclusion of law and may be adopted, rejected, or changed by the board of trustees or board subcommittee as provided by Section 21.259(b).

SECTION _____. Section 21.259(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The board of trustees or board subcommittee may adopt, reject, or change the hearing examiner's:

(1) conclusions of law, including a determination regarding good cause for suspension without pay or termination; or

(2) proposal for granting relief.

SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a hearing examiner's determination regarding good cause that is contained in a written recommendation under Section 21.257, Education Code, issued on or after the effective date of this Act.