

Suspending limitations on conference committee
jurisdiction, S.B. No. 8 (Shapiro/Eissler)

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H.R. No. 199

R E S O L U T I O N

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2011, That House Rule 13, Section 9(a), be suspended in part as provided by House Rule 13, Section 9(f), to enable the conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on Senate Bill 8 (the flexibility of the board of trustees of a school district in the management and operation of public schools in the district) to consider and take action on the following matters:

(1) House Rule 13, Sections 9(a)(3) and (4), are suspended to permit the committee to add text on a matter not in disagreement and not included in either the house or senate version of the bill by adding the following new SECTIONS to the bill:

SECTION 2. Section 21.051, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 21.051. RULES REGARDING FIELD-BASED EXPERIENCE AND OPTIONS FOR FIELD EXPERIENCE AND INTERNSHIPS. (a) In this section, "teacher of record" means a person employed by a school district who teaches the majority of the instructional day in an academic instructional setting and is responsible for evaluating student achievement and assigning grades.

(b) Before a school district may employ a candidate for certification as a teacher of record, the candidate must complete at least 15 hours of field-based experience in which the candidate is actively engaged in instructional or educational activities

1 under supervision at:

2 (1) a public school campus accredited or approved for
3 the purpose by the agency; or

4 (2) a private school recognized or approved for the
5 purpose by the agency.

6 (c) Subsection (b) applies only to an initial certification
7 issued on or after September 1, 2012. Subsection (b) does not
8 affect:

9 (1) the validity of a certification issued before
10 September 1, 2012; or

11 (2) the eligibility of a person who holds a
12 certification issued before September 1, 2012, to obtain a
13 subsequent renewal of the certification in accordance with board
14 rule.

15 (d) Subsection (b) does not affect the period within which
16 an individual must complete field-based experience hours as
17 determined by board rule if the individual is not accepted into an
18 educator preparation program before the deadline prescribed by
19 board rule and is hired for a teaching assignment by a school
20 district after the deadline prescribed by board rule.

21 (e) The board shall propose rules relating to the
22 field-based experience required by Subsection (b). The
23 commissioner by rule shall adopt procedures and standards for
24 recognizing a private school under Subsection (b)(2).

25 (f) The board shall propose rules providing flexible
26 options for persons for any field-based ~~[field]~~ experience or
27 internship required for certification.

1 SECTION 22. On or before January 1, 2012, the State Board
2 for Educator Certification shall propose rules relating to educator
3 certification as prescribed by Section 21.051, Education Code, as
4 amended by this Act.

5 Explanation: The addition is necessary to establish
6 requirements for field-based experience that a candidate for
7 certification must meet before a school district may employ the
8 candidate as a teacher of record.

9 (2) House Rule 13, Sections 9(a)(3) and (4), are suspended
10 to permit the committee to add text on a matter not in disagreement
11 and not included in either the house or senate version of the bill
12 by adding the following at the end of proposed Section 21.4021(e),
13 Education Code, in SECTION 16 of the bill:

14 A furlough day does not constitute a day of service for purposes of
15 the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

16 Explanation: The addition is necessary to clarify that a
17 school district furlough day does not constitute a day of service
18 for purposes of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.