

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

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S.R. No. 106

R E S O L U T I O N

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd
2 Legislature, 1st Called Session, 2011, That Senate Rule 12.03 be
3 suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the
4 conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on Senate
5 Bill 8 (the flexibility of the board of trustees of a school
6 district in the management and operation of public schools in the
7 district) to consider and take action on the following matters:

8 (1) Senate Rules 12.03(3) and (4) are suspended to permit
9 the committee to add text on a matter not in disagreement and not
10 included in either the house or senate version of the bill by adding
11 the following new SECTIONS to the bill:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 SECTION 22. On or before January 1, 2012, the State Board

1 for Educator Certification shall propose rules relating to educator
2 certification as prescribed by Section 21.051, Education Code, as
3 amended by this Act.

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

8 (2) Senate Rules 12.03(3) and (4) are suspended to permit
9 the committee to add text on a matter not in disagreement and not
10 included in either the house or senate version of the bill by adding
11 the following at the end of proposed Section 21.4021(e), Education
12 Code, in SECTION 16 of the bill:

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

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