1-1 By: Jackson (Senate Sponsor - Hegar) H.B. No. 398 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 27, 2011; 1-3 May 12, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on 1-4 Education; May 20, 2011, reported favorably by the following vote: 1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 20, 2011, sent to printer.)

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1-8 relating to the eligibility of employees convicted of certain 1-9 offenses to provide services under a contract with a public school. -10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: 1-11 SECTION 1. Section 22.0834(o), Education Code, is amended 1-12 to read as follows:

1-13 (o) A contracting or subcontracting entity may not permit an 1-14 employee to whom Subsection (a) applies to provide services at a 1-15 school if the employee has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor 1-16 offense that would prevent a person from <u>being employed</u> [obtaining 1-17 certification as an educator] under Section <u>22.085(a)</u> [<u>21.060</u>].

1-18 SECTION 2. Section 22.0834(o), Education Code, as amended 1-19 by this Act, applies to the provision of services at a public school 1-20 by an employee of a contracting or subcontracting entity without 1-21 regard to whether the contract or subcontract under which the 1-22 person is employed was entered into before, on, or after the 1-23 effective date of this Act.

1-24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives 1-25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as 1-26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this 1-27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this 1-28 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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