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H.B. No. 2540

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the right to a hearing before an independent hearing examiner of a public school teacher suspended without pay.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 21.251(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) This subchapter applies if a teacher requests a hearing after receiving notice of the proposed decision to:

(1) terminate the teacher's continuing contract at any time;

(2) terminate the teacher's probationary or term contract before the end of the contract period; or

(3) suspend the teacher without pay for more than 20 days within a period of one year.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a proposed suspension without pay regarding which the board of trustees notifies a teacher on or after the effective date of this Act.

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