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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to payment of a public school teacher pending appeal of discharge for cause.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 21, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 21.3011 to read as follows:

Sec. 21.3011. PAY PENDING REVIEW OF DISCHARGE FOR CAUSE.

(a) This section applies to a teacher:

(1) employed under a continuing contract and discharged for good cause as determined by the board of trustees of a school district and as defined by Section 21.156; or

(2) employed under a term contract and discharged for good cause as determined by the board of trustees as provided under Section 21.211.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision, a teacher who under this subchapter appeals to the commissioner a decision of the board of trustees or board subcommittee made under Section 21.259 regarding discharge for good cause described by Subsection (a) may not receive pay from the school district pending the outcome of the appeal or any judicial appeal of the commissioner's decision affirming the decision of the board of trustees or board subcommittee.

SECTION 2. Section 21.3011, Education Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a teacher who files a petition for review

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1 with the commissioner of education under Section 21.301, Education
2 Code, on or after the effective date of this Act. A teacher who
3 files a petition for review before the effective date of this Act is
4 governed by the law in effect when the petition for review was
5 filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.