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S.B. No. 168

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to temporary waiver of superintendent certification for
3 employment of public school district superintendents.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 21.003, Education Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

7 (c) The commissioner may waive the requirement for
8 certification of a superintendent if requested by a school district
9 as provided by Section 7.056. A person who is not certified as a
10 superintendent may not be employed by a school district as the
11 superintendent before the person has received a waiver of
12 certification from the commissioner. The commissioner may limit
13 the waiver of certification in any manner the commissioner
14 determines is appropriate. A person may be designated to act as a
15 temporary or interim superintendent for a school district, but the
16 district may not employ the person under a contract as
17 superintendent unless the person has been certified or a waiver has
18 been granted.

19 SECTION 2. A school district that on the effective date of
20 this Act employs a person as superintendent who does not hold a
21 superintendent certificate must obtain from the commissioner of
22 education a temporary waiver of the certification requirement not
23 later than October 1, 2015.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.