

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 168 passed the Senate on
April 20, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 168 passed the House on
May 27, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0,
two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor