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S.B. No. 168

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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

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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.