

By: Taylor of Collin

S.B. No. 1497

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a requirement that a school district or open-enrollment charter school terminate certain employees convicted of certain offenses.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 21.058 (c) and (c-2), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(c) A school district or open-enrollment charter school that receives notice under Subsection (b) of the revocation of a certificate issued under this subchapter shall:

(1) immediately remove the person whose certificate has been revoked from campus or from an administrative office, as applicable, to prevent the person from having any contact with a student; and

(2) if the person is employed under a probationary, continuing, or term contract under this chapter, on the action of the board of trustees or governing body or a designee of the board or governing body:

(A) suspend the person without pay;

(B) provide the person with written notice that the person's contract is void as provided by Subsection (c-2); and

(C) terminate the employment of the person as soon as practicable.

(c-2) A person's probationary, continuing, or term contract

1 is void if, on the action of the board of trustees or governing body  
2 or a designee of the board or governing body, the school district or  
3 open-enrollment charter school takes action under Subsection  
4 (c)(2)(B) or (c-1)(2).

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.