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H.B. No. 1867

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the applicability of educator certification and assignment requirements to school districts of innovation.

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

SECTION 1. Section 12A.004(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A local innovation plan may not provide for the exemption of a district designated as a district of innovation from the following provisions of this title:

(1) a state or federal requirement applicable to an open-enrollment charter school operating under Subchapter D, Chapter 12;

(2) Subchapters A, C, D, and E, Chapter 11, except that a district may be exempt from Sections 11.1511(b)(5) and (14) and Section 11.162;

(3) educator certification requirements under Chapter 21 and requirements under federal law regarding assignment of appropriately certified educators for bilingual education and special education;

(4) state curriculum and graduation requirements adopted under Chapter 28; and

(5) [~~4~~] academic and financial accountability and sanctions under Chapter 39.

SECTION 2. Section 12A.004(a), Education Code, as amended

1 by this Act, applies only to a local innovation plan adopted or  
2 renewed on or after the effective date of this Act. A local  
3 innovation plan adopted or renewed before the effective date of  
4 this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the plan was  
5 adopted or renewed, and the former law is continued in effect for  
6 that purpose.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.