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S.B. No. 1294

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to election of professional staff representatives to
3 certain school district planning and decision-making committees.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 11.251, Education Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsection (e-1) to read as
7 follows:

8 (e) The board shall adopt a procedure, consistent with
9 Subsection (e-1) and Section 21.407(a), for the professional staff
10 in the district to nominate and elect the professional staff
11 representatives who shall meet with the board or the board designee
12 as required under this section. At least two-thirds of the elected
13 professional staff representatives must be classroom
14 teachers. The remaining staff representatives shall include both
15 campus- and district-level professional staff members. If
16 practicable, the committee membership shall include at least one
17 professional staff representative with the primary responsibility
18 for educating students with disabilities. Board policy must
19 provide procedures for:

20 (1) the selection of parents to the district-level and
21 campus-level committees; and

22 (2) the selection of community members and business
23 representatives to serve on the district-level committee in a
24 manner that provides for appropriate representation of the

1 community's diversity.

2 (e-1) The procedure for the election of professional staff
3 representatives to a campus-level or district-level committee
4 under Subsection (e):

5 (1) must provide for appropriate and inclusive
6 representation of the district's professional staff; and

7 (2) may not limit eligibility for election to members
8 of a single professional association or organization.

9 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018
10 school year.

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