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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 2964 |
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| Public Education |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  It has been reported that educators who engage in an improper relationship with a student have their educator certification revoked, canceled, or suspended. As a result of the loss of their certification, these individuals lose their employment with a public school district. However, concerns have been raised regarding the potential for these individuals to obtain employment with an open-enrollment charter school. H.B. 2964 seeks to address this issue by prohibiting a charter school from employing an individual whose educator certification has been revoked, canceled, suspended, or placed on restriction in response to certain misconduct. |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution. |
| **ANALYSIS**  H.B. 2964 amends the Education Code to prohibit the employment of a person by an open‑enrollment charter school if, based on the person's misconduct that presents a risk to the health, safety, or welfare of a student or minor:   * the State Board for Educator Certification has:   + revoked, canceled, suspended, or placed restrictions on the person's educator certification; or   + refused to issue an educator certificate to the person; or * the board of trustees of a public school district has:   + revoked the person's district teaching permit; or   + refused to issue a district teaching permit to the person.   H.B. 2964 sets out the misconduct that presents a risk to the health, safety, or welfare of a student or minor for purposes of the bill's provisions. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2019. |