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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Under current law, the Texas School for the Deaf (TSD) and the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (TSBVI) superintendents' salary ranges are set by Article IX of the General Appropriations Act. TSD and TSBVI's superintendents' salaries are also governed by the Education Code, where they are limited to no more than 120 percent of the highest paid instructional administrator's salary. Setting salary by statute instead of Article IX is an antiquated method for how agencies set salaries.

H.B. 637 eliminates the requirement that TSD and TSBVI superintendents' salary not exceed the salary of the highest paid instructional administrator by 120 percent and instead allows for these salaries to be governed by Article IX, like other agencies.

H.B. 637 amends current law relating to the salaries of the superintendent of the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the superintendent of the Texas School for the Deaf.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 30.023(d), Education Code, by deleting existing text prohibiting the annual salary of the superintendent of the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired from exceeding 120 percent of the annual salary of the highest paid instructional administrator at the school.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 30.053(d), Education Code, by deleting existing text prohibiting the annual salary of the superintendent of the Texas School for the Deaf from exceeding 120 percent of the annual salary of the highest paid instructional administrator at the school.

SECTION 3. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2019.