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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to renewal of a public school teacher's continuing employment contract based on student growth.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 21.154, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 21.154.  STATUS UNDER CONTINUING CONTRACT. Each teacher employed under a continuing contract is entitled to continue in the teacher's position or a position with the school district for future school years without the necessity for annual nomination or reappointment unless [~~until~~] the person:

(1)  resigns;

(2)  retires under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas;

(3)  is released from employment by the school district at the end of a school year because of necessary reduction of personnel as provided by Section 21.157;

(4)  is discharged for good cause as defined by Section 21.156 and in accordance with the procedures provided by this chapter;

(5)  is discharged for a reason stated in the teacher's contract that existed on or before September 1, 1995, and in accordance with the procedures prescribed by this chapter; [~~or~~]

(6)  is returned to probationary status, as authorized by Section 21.106; or

(7)  is a classroom teacher and a majority of students for whom the teacher is responsible fail to meet a minimum growth standard as determined by the district and approved by the commissioner.

SECTION 2.  This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.