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S.B. No. 1619

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the availability of certain information regarding
3 school district employee compensation and employment contracts and
4 to the term of a contract for a teacher and a superintendent of a
5 school district.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 11, Education Code, is
8 amended by adding Section 11.1519 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 11.1519. POSTING OF DISTRICT EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION AND
10 CONTRACT INFORMATION. (a) In this section, "compensation" means
11 salaries, wages, and employment stipends.

12 (b) Not later than the 30th day after the date the agency
13 posts the information submitted by the district under the Public
14 Education Information Management System (PEIMS), a school district
15 that maintains an Internet website shall post on the district's
16 website:

17 (1) a listing of each district employee and the
18 employee's compensation for the school year;

19 (2) subject to Subsection (d), a copy of a contract
20 signed by:

21 (A) the district's superintendent;

22 (B) an athletic director; and

23 (C) each coach of any extracurricular athletic
24 activity employed by the district; and

1 (3) a blank copy of each type of contract used by the
2 district under Section 21.002(a).

3 (c) If a school district does not maintain an Internet
4 website, the district shall submit the information required by
5 Subsection (b) to the agency within the period provided by that
6 subsection. On receipt of the information submitted under this
7 subsection, the agency shall post the district's information on the
8 agency's Internet website.

9 (d) A copy of a contract described by Subsection (b)(2) that
10 is posted on an Internet website under that subsection or
11 Subsection (c) must be redacted to exclude any information that is
12 confidential under Chapter 552, Government Code.

13 (e) Information posted on an Internet website by a school
14 district or the agency as required by this section must be
15 maintained on that website until the applicable entity posts the
16 information for the following school year.

17 (f) The commissioner may adopt rules as necessary to
18 implement this section.

19 SECTION 2. Section 11.201(b), Education Code, is amended to
20 read as follows:

21 (b) The board of trustees of an independent school district
22 may employ by contract a superintendent for a term not to exceed the
23 length of the term of a trustee of the district [~~five years~~].

24 SECTION 3. Section 21.205, Education Code, is amended to
25 read as follows:

26 Sec. 21.205. TERM OF CONTRACT. Except as provided by
27 Section 11.201(b), once [~~Once~~] a teacher has completed the

1 probationary contract period, the term of a contract under this
2 subchapter may not exceed five school years.

3 SECTION 4. Section 21.206, Education Code, is amended by
4 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

5 (d) The board of trustees may not renew a teacher's term
6 contract earlier than the sixth month before the contract ends.

7 SECTION 5. Section 21.212, Education Code, is amended by
8 adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

9 (g) The board of trustees may not renew a superintendent's
10 term contract earlier than the sixth month before the contract
11 ends.

12 SECTION 6. Section 11.201(b), Education Code, as amended by
13 this Act, and Sections 21.206(d) and 21.212(g), Education Code, as
14 added by this Act, apply only to a contract executed on or after the
15 effective date of this Act. A contract executed before the
16 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
17 date the contract was executed, and the former law is continued in
18 effect for that purpose.

19 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.