BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The State Board of Education (SBOE) is made up of 15 members, each representing around 1.8 million Texans. SBOE is tasked with setting curriculum standards and reviewing and adopting instructional materials. Additionally, the state legislature has increasingly passed new laws and directives for SBOE to comply with. The chair of SBOE is tasked with overseeing compliance of these directives, the regular duties of SBOE, and the needs of constituents.

Despite this, the chair of SBOE is not permitted to hire staff. Comparatively, members of the legislature represent fewer people but can still employ staff.

S.B. 1884 seeks to aid the chair of SBOE with the performance of their duties by allowing them to hire staff.

(Original Author's/Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

C.S.S.B. 1884 amends current law relating to allowing the chair of the State Board of Education to employ personnel to assist in performing the board's duties.

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 Subchapter D, Chapter 7, Education Code, by adding Section 7.1051, as follows:

Sec. 7.1051. PERSONNEL. (a) Authorizes the chair of the State Board of Education (chair; SBOE) to employ personnel as necessary to assist SBOE in performing SBOE's duties, prescribe the duties of personnel, compensate personnel through funds made available by the legislature, and determine whether to promote, terminate, or take any other employment action regarding personnel.

- (b) Provides that an individual employed under this section is eligible for membership in the employee class of the Employees Retirement System of Texas and eligible to participate in the group benefits program under Chapter 1551 (Texas Employees Group Benefits Act), Insurance Code, entitled to reimbursement through funds made available by the legislature for actual and necessary expenses the individual incurs in carrying out the individual's official duties, and directly accountable to the chair.
- (c) Requires the Texas Education Agency to provide administrative support, including human resources, budgetary, accounting, purchasing, payroll, information technology, and legal support services, to SBOE as necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2025.