

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1664
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Public Education
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been noted that a requirement for investigations of alleged educator misconduct to be reported to the State Board for Educator Certification regardless of outcome may not sufficiently protect an educator who is falsely accused and later cleared of the allegations, since the fact of the investigation remains on the educator's certification record. H.B. 1664 seeks to remedy this situation by providing an exception to the reporting requirement for an investigation in which the reporting administrator determines that the educator did not engage in the alleged 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. 1664 amends the Education Code to establish that a superintendent or director of a public school district, district of innovation, open-enrollment charter school, regional education service center, or shared services arrangement is not required to notify or file an applicable report of educator misconduct with the State Board for Educator Certification if the superintendent or director completes an investigation into an educator's alleged incident of certain misconduct before the educator's termination of employment or resignation and determines the educator did not engage in the alleged misconduct. The bill applies beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2019.