

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

H.B. 1733 requires parent representatives on the federally-mandated continuing advisory panel for special education to be parents of school-aged students currently receiving special education services under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. This bill also prohibits employees of school districts, programs, or agencies that provide special education or related services from serving as parent representatives on the panel.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1733 sets forth requirements for a continuing advisory panel to provide policy guidance concerning special education and related services.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 29.006, Education Code, as follows:

Sec. 29.006. New heading: CONTINUING ADVISORY PANEL. Requires a person to appoint a continuing advisory panel, rather than a committee composed of 17 members, under 20 U.S.C. Section 1412(a)(21) and its subsequent amendments. Provides that members of the panel are appointed for staggered terms of four years with terms of as nearly as possible to one-half of the members, rather than eight or nine, members expiring on February 1 of each odd-number year. Sets forth certain provisions for purposes of panel membership.

SECTION 2. Requires all positions on the panel to be filled on February 1, 2001, except the terms of those members as specified under Section 29.006(a), Education Code, as amended by this Act. Require the members appointed to serve beginning on February 1, 2001, to be appointed so that representation of the panel complies with U.S.C., Section 1400 et seq. and its subsequent amendments. Requires those members to draw lots for terms in accordance with Section 29.006(a), Education Code, as amended by this Act.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.

Effective date: upon passage.