

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, rules for the State Board of Educator Certification require school districts to provide written notice to the parents of students taught by an uncertified teacher. The existing rule contains a loophole that exempts from notification requirements inappropriately certified teachers working under Emergency Permits or Temporary Classroom Assignment Permits. S.B. 831 would establish parental notification of the employment of an inappropriately certified or uncertified teacher.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 831 establishes parental notification of the employment of an inappropriately certified or uncertified teacher.

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 Chapter 21B, Education Code, by adding Section 21.057, as follows:

Sec. 21.057. PARENTAL NOTIFICATION. Requires a school district that assigns an inappropriately certified or uncertified teacher to the same classroom for more than 30 consecutive instructional days during the same school year, to provide written notice of the assignment to a parent or guardian of each student in the classroom. Requires the superintendent of the school district to provide the written notice not later than the 30th instructional day after the date of the assignment of the inappropriately certified or uncertified teacher. Sets forth requirements for the school district regarding the information in the written notice. Defines “inappropriately certified or uncertified teacher.”

SECTION 2. Provides that this Act takes effect beginning with the 1999-2000 school year.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.

Effective date: upon passage.