

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law grants the commissioner of education the authority to “reconstitute” public schools that are rated as “low performing.” During “reconstitution” all or part of a campus’ employees are required to resign and reapply for jobs with the district. In Texas, this process is only used in extreme cases. This bill would require the commissioner of education to establish a mandatory reconstitution process for chronic low-performing schools to attempt to address citizens’ concerns over the plight of students who are unable to leave “low performing” public schools.

PURPOSE

As proposed, C.S.S.B. 876 sets forth criteria and procedures for restaffing low-performing public schools.

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 39.131(b), Education Code, to authorize the commissioner of education (commissioner) to order that some or all of the educators employed on a campus, during a time the campus has been rated as low-performing, for a period of two years or more to be reassigned to other campuses or other appropriate positions in the school district.

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

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

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