

**BILL ANALYSIS**

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**DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Current law requires school districts to hire teachers under a probationary contract if that person is hired from outside the district, regardless of the number of years of experience as a teacher. As proposed, S.B. 1726 allows a school district to hire a teacher under a continuing contract as long as the teacher has at least three years of experience within the last ten years.

**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 Section 21.102(a), Education Code, to require a person who is employed as a teacher by a school district for the first time, or who has not been employed by the district for two consecutive school years subsequent to August 28, 1967, except as provided by Section 21.202(b), to be employed under a probationary contract.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 21.202, Education Code, to require a teacher, except as provided by Subsection (b) and before a teacher is authorized to be employed under a term contract, to be employed under a probationary contract for the period provided by Subchapter C.

(b) Authorizes a school district to employ a person as a teacher under a term contract if the person has at least three years of experience as a public school teacher within the last 10 years, regardless of whether the person is being employed by the school district for the first time or whether a probationary contract would otherwise be required under Section 21.102.

SECTION 3. Provides that this Act applies beginning with the 2001-2002 school year.

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.