

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, Texas does not have a program in place to reconstitute a low-performing school. There is no process to allow the commissioner of education to take measures to disband a school's faculty, including closing down the building and reopening the school with new staff, structure, and curriculum. As proposed, S.B. 26 directs a campus to be reconstituted if the school is classified as low-performing for two consecutive 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 39.131(b), Education Code, to include in a list of certain actions that the commissioner of education is authorized to take regarding low-performing schools, the order to reassign to other appropriate positions in the district, some or all of the educators employed for at least the two preceding years on the campus. Makes nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage.

Makes application of this Act prospective to the 2001-2002 school year.