

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.S.B. 388
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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Current law requires that when a school district hires a principal from outside the district, he or she must be hired under a probationary contract, regardless of their years of experience as a principal. As proposed, C.S.S.B. 388 allows a school district to hire a principal under a continuing contract as long as the principal 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 make a conforming change to provide an exception.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 21.202, Education Code, to require the teacher to be employed under a probationary contract for the period provided by Subchapter C, except as provided by Subsection (b), before a teacher is authorized to be employed under a term contract. Authorizes a school district to employ a person as a principal under a term contract if the person has at least three years of experience as a principal, within the last ten 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.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 2. Amends As Filed S.B. 388, Section 21.202, Education Code, as follows:

- ! Replaces at least “five” years of experience with at least “three” years experience.
- ! Adds new language pertaining to “within the last ten years.”
- ! Replaces text regarding the person having been employed by the district for two consecutive school years subsequent to August 28, 1967 with new language pertaining to a probationary contract required under Section 21.102.