

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, the supply of properly certified individuals to serve as principals is not meeting the growing demand for principals in Texas schools. To address the critical teacher shortage in this state, the Texas Legislature has enacted statutes that made it easier for retired teachers to reenter the classroom in critical teacher shortage areas without penalty. Members of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas who have been retired from teaching for 12 months are authorized to return to the classroom and receive a salary and retirement benefits. Under current law, that option does not apply to principals. H.B. 3147 provides this option to principals.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

H.B. 3147 amends the Government Code to prohibit the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) from withholding a monthly benefit payment if the retiree is employed in a Texas public educational institution in a position as a principal, including an assistant principal, on as much as a full-time basis if the retiree has retired without reduction for retirement at an early age, is certified to serve as a principal, and has been separated from service with all public schools for at least 12 months.

Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.

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