

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Under current law, 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, is required to be employed under a probationary contract. Teacher contract laws do not allow a school district to hire a former teacher who has had a lapse in service from that school district on a probationary contract, if the teacher had attained term or continuing contract status in that district before the lapse in service. H.B. 558 authorizes a person who previously was employed as a teacher by a district and, after at least a two-year lapse in district employment returns to district employment, to be employed under a probationary contract.

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 authorize a person who previously was employed as a teacher by a district and, after at least a two-year lapse in district employment returns to district employment, to be employed under a probationary contract.

SECTION 2. Provides that this Act applies beginning with the 2003-2004 school year.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.