

SUBJECT: State Board for Educator Certification public members

COMMITTEE: Public Education — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 8 ayes — Sadler, Dutton, Culberson, Hernandez, Hochberg, Price, Rhodes, Williamson
0 nays
1 absent — Uher

SENATE VOTE: On final passage, Local and Uncontested Calendar, April 3 — 31-0

WITNESSES: None

BACKGROUND : The State Board for Educator Certification oversees certification of public school teachers, administrators, and other education personnel in Texas. The board's governing board is composed of 15 members, three of whom are nonvoting members. The 12 voting members, appointed by the governor with the consent of the Senate, include four teachers employed in public schools, two public school administrators, one public school counselor, and five citizens who are not, and have never been, employed by a public school district or by an educator preparation program in an institution of higher education.

DIGEST: SB 520 would amend the requirements for public members of the State Board for Educator Certification to disallow employment by a public school district or an educator preparation program in the five years preceding appointment.

SB 520 would take immediate effect if finally approved by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house.