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H.B. No. 52

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the right to a hearing before an independent hearing
3 examiner of a public school teacher suspended without pay.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 21.251(a), Education Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (a) This subchapter applies if a teacher requests a hearing
8 after receiving notice of the proposed decision to:

9 (1) terminate the teacher's continuing contract at any
10 time;

11 (2) terminate the teacher's probationary or term
12 contract before the end of the contract period; or

13 (3) suspend the teacher without pay for more than five
14 days within a period of one year.

15 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
16 to a proposed suspension without pay regarding which the board of
17 trustees notifies a teacher on or after the effective date of this
18 Act.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
24 legislative session.