

1-1 By: Buckingham S.B. No. 1294
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 3, 2017; March 13, 2017, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; May 3, 2017,
 1-4 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 2;
 1-5 May 3, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-8 Lucio	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Campbell	X			
1-11 Hall	X			
1-12 Huffines	X			
1-13 Hughes	X			
1-14 Seliger	X			
1-15 Taylor of Collin	X			
1-16 Uresti		X		
1-17 West		X		

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to election of professional staff representatives to
 1-22 certain school district planning and decision-making committees.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 11.251, Education Code, is amended by
 1-25 amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsection (e-1) to read as
 1-26 follows:

1-27 (e) The board shall adopt a procedure, consistent with
 1-28 Subsection (e-1) and Section 21.407(a), for the professional staff
 1-29 in the district to nominate and elect the professional staff
 1-30 representatives who shall meet with the board or the board designee
 1-31 as required under this section. At least two-thirds of the elected
 1-32 professional staff representatives must be classroom teachers. The
 1-33 remaining staff representatives shall include both campus- and
 1-34 district-level professional staff members. If practicable, the
 1-35 committee membership shall include at least one professional staff
 1-36 representative with the primary responsibility for educating
 1-37 students with disabilities. Board policy must provide procedures
 1-38 for:

1-39 (1) the selection of parents to the district-level and
 1-40 campus-level committees; and

1-41 (2) the selection of community members and business
 1-42 representatives to serve on the district-level committee in a
 1-43 manner that provides for appropriate representation of the
 1-44 community's diversity.

1-45 (e-1) The procedure for the election of professional staff
 1-46 representatives to a campus-level or district-level committee
 1-47 under Subsection (e):

1-48 (1) must provide for appropriate and inclusive
 1-49 representation of the district's professional staff; and

1-50 (2) may not limit eligibility for election to members
 1-51 of a single professional association or organization.

1-52 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018
 1-53 school year.

1-54 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-55 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-56 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-57 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-58 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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