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Bryson ISD Innovation Plan (16-17 through 20-21)

Introduction

House Bill 1842, passed during the 84th Legislative Session, permits Texas public school districts to become Districts of Innovation and to obtain exemption from certain provisions of the Texas Education Code. On July 18, 2016, the Bryson Independent School District's Board of Trustees passed a Resolution to Initiate the Process of Designation as a District of Innovation in order to increase local control over District operations and to support innovation and local initiatives to improve educational outcomes for the benefit of students and the community. On August 25, 2016 the Board of Trustees appointed the Local Innovation Committee as follows:

David Stout, Eric Wilson, Missy Coufal, Laurie Kelley, Misti Nail, Elizabeth Gulley, Gary Kirby, Helen Guinn, Crystal Whitaker, and Ken Kaiser.

The district exercises innovations in the following areas under House Bill 1842 that was passed in the 84th Legislature:

Teacher Certification

(TEC 21.003) (OBA LEGAL) (OBA LOCAL)

Texas Education Code Section 21.003 states that "a person may not be employed as a teacher, teacher intern, teacher trainee, librarian, educational aide, administrator, educational diagnostician, or school counselor by a school district unless the person holds an appropriate certificate or permit issued as provided by Subchapter B. The current certification requirements inhibit the District's ability to hire effective instructors to teach Career and Technical Education, Languages Other than English, and fine arts. In order to provide more students the opportunity to take such courses and obtain professional certifications, the District seeks to establish its own local qualification requirements for such courses in lieu of the requirements set forth in law.



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School Calendar

(TEC 25.0811) (TEC 25.0812) (EB LEGAL) (EB LOCAL)

Texas Education Code Section 25.0811 states that a school district may not begin instruction before the fourth Monday in August. Bryson ISD exercises its ability under HB 1842 from the 84th Legislature to begin instruction before the fourth Monday in August.

Implementation

In order to offer students additional opportunities, this Innovation Plan has been created with guidelines in which the District will operate. Campuses and departments in the District will develop specific implementation plans. Adjustments to Board Policy will be adopted if necessary.

Respectfully,

David Stout

Superintendent, Bryson ISD