

Item 12:

Discussion and Action Related to the State Board for Educator Certification Legislative Priorities

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

SUMMARY: This item provides the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) an opportunity to discuss and approve priorities for the upcoming 86th Texas Legislature.

BOARD RESPONSE: This item is presented for discussion and action.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: At the August 2, 2018 work session, the SBEC discussed possible legislative priorities submitted by board members. SBEC members also submitted additional legislative priorities and/or interests on matters related to SBEC in the upcoming session. Upon request from the Legislature, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) staff will provide the priorities to the Legislature on the Board's behalf and will provide the Board with updates throughout and at the conclusion of the 86th Texas Legislative Session.

From input received from the SBEC, TEA staff has synthesized potential options for the Board's consideration:

1. Legislation relating to employing, terminating, and reporting misconduct of non-certified public school personnel; to include creating a registry of persons ineligible to hire as non-certified educators.
2. Maintain SBEC's authority to establish educator certification standards.

This item provides the Board with the following options:

1. Not adopt legislative priorities.
2. Adopt or modify the priorities adopted above.
3. Add additional priorities.

Staff Member Responsible:

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