

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 1288

As Passed House
February 21, 1997

Title: An act relating to changing the name of the noncertificated employee category.

Brief Description: Changing the name of the noncertificated employee category.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Johnson, Hickel, Conway, Cody, Cole, Quall, Smith, Blalock, L. Thomas and D. Schmidt).

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Education: 2/4/97, 2/6/97 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 2/21/97, 95-0.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 10 members: Representatives Johnson, Chairman; Hickel, Vice Chairman; Cole, Ranking Minority Member; Keiser, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Linville; Smith; Sterk; Sump; Talcott and Veloria.

Staff: Joe Hauth (786-7111).

Background: School district personnel include certificated- and classified- personnel. The Superintendent of Public Instruction issues four types of certificates:

- teacher certificates;
- administrator certificates for principals, superintendents, or program administrators;
- educational staff associate certificates for personnel such as counselors, librarians, school nurses, and psychologists; and
- vocational certificates for vocational education instructors.

Classified personnel include clerks, custodians, bus drivers, educational assistants, maintenance employees, food service workers, and supervisors. The Superintendent of Public Instruction does not certify classified personnel.

Currently, the terms ~~classified~~ and ~~noncertificated~~ are used synonymously in the education code.

Summary of Bill: References to ~~noncertificated~~ staff are changed to ~~classified~~.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed. However, section 2 of this act takes effect September 1, 2000 unless a law is enacted stating that a school accountability and academic assessment system is not in place.

Testimony For: Replacing the term ~~noncertificated~~ with ~~classified~~ explains what we are rather than what we aren't. The name change will not have a significant effect on the current laws.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Tamara Warnke, Kathy Whitlock, Jim Richardson, and Ken McCulloch, Public School Employees.