

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

SB 86

2015 Regular Session

Perry

June 9, 2015

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate and to the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning Senate Bill No. 86 by Senator Perry, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That the House Committee Amendments Nos. 1, 2, and 3 proposed by the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and adopted by the House of Representatives on May 26, 2015 be adopted.
2. That the House Floor Amendments Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 proposed by Representative Montoucet and adopted by the House of Representatives on June 2, 2015 be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Senators:

Representatives:

Senator "Jody" Amedee

Representative Taylor F. Barras

Senator Jonathan Perry

Representative Timothy G. Burns

Senator Edwin Murray

Representative Jack Montoucet

The legislative instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ashley E. Menou.

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Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

ETHICS. Provides relative to nepotism relating to school employees. (8/1/15)

Report adopts House amendments to:

1. Remove change relating to the exception for certified classroom teachers in the nepotism prohibitions for a public employee who is employed for at least one year prior to the public employee's immediate family member becoming the agency head.
2. Adds provision allowing promotion of certified classroom teachers to administrative positions if possessing appropriate qualifications and certifications and remove the population restriction on such provision to give it statewide applicability.
3. Adds provision allowing an immediate family member of a school board member or superintendent to be employed as a classroom teacher if such family member is temporarily authorized to teach while pursuing certification.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law generally prohibits a member of the immediate family of an agency head from being employed in his agency.

Present law authorizes the family member of a school board member or superintendent to be employed by a local school board if they are certified to teach. Proposed law adds an exception family members who are temporarily authorized to teach while pursuing certification.

Present law provides an exception from the prohibition in parishes with a population of 26,000 or less for an immediate family member of a local school board or superintendent employed who is as a classroom teacher to be promoted to an administrative position provided the family member has the appropriate qualifications and certifications for the position. Requires recusal of the board member or disqualification of the superintendent, as applicable, for any action involving the promotion or assignment of job location of such family member.

Proposed law removes the population restriction from the exception to make it applicable statewide.

(Amends R.S. 42:1119(B)(2)(a)(i) and (v))