

Committee approves reform bill

No-pass, no-play would be evaluated

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AUSTIN — The Senate Education Committee approved Wednesday a 44-page bill that "tunes" last summer's major school reform legislation, including the touchy no-pass, no-play rule.

Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, said he would offer the bill for Senate debate early next week.

The final committee vote came Wednesday without comment or debate, following several weeks of sometimes heated discussion over the bill.

Although the extracurricular eligibility rule captured most attention, the overall measure contains numerous changes affecting both teachers and students in Texas' public schools.

If passed by the Senate and House, and signed by the governor, the measure would:

- Tell the State Board of Education to reconsider its present rule that a student will be suspended for six weeks if failing in one subject. The bill specifically suggests a shorter period.

- Tell the State Board of Education to give teachers a basic skills test, mostly on reading, writing and math, but allows the board to delay later, after the first test, if a more difficult examination on special skills in teaching is needed to weed out incompetent teachers.

- Provide for probationary permanent teaching certificates with permanent certificates given only to teachers who have proved themselves satisfactory teachers.

- Set up a four-level career program for teachers that would pay them a \$2,000 raise for each level reached, based on above average student, training and initiative. Librarians would be included with classroom teachers, but not teacher aides and counselors. School administrators also would be appraised.

- Provide for a system of school discipline that would give school teachers and officials power to suspend students for up to six days or to expel them from school for assaults on teachers or pupils or for distributing drugs or alcohol.

- Tell each school to provide tutorial or make-up classes, outside regular school hours, for failing or near-failing students.

The no-pass, no-play issue was settled by the committee Tuesday when it voted, 9-0, for a compromise plan to let the Board of Education make another effort to settle the controversy.

Parker argued it was important to return the issue to the 15-member school board, with new instructions from the Legislature.

"This will free their hands and let them do what is best for students," Parker said.

The compromise amendment merely that a student may be suspended from any extracurricular activity for failing grades, according to rules set by the Board of Education. It specifically gives the board authority to "provide for different grade reporting periods ... of less than six weeks."

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