

SB 18 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Permits the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission to discipline, suspend or revoke the license of a school administrator who fails to follow reporting, investigation and notification procedures for reports of suspected abuse or sexual conduct. Permits TSPC to adopt rules to implement provisions. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

TSPC is responsible for disciplining, suspending, or revoking licenses, registrations or certificates for teachers, administrators, school counselors, school social workers, school psychiatrists, and school nurses. TSPC must investigate all reports of sexual conduct or abuse involving TSPC licensed personnel that it receives from the public or school districts. Under current law, TSPC may discipline, suspend or revoke licenses for teachers and administrators for conviction of crimes, gross neglect of duty and any gross unfitness.