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Bill Summary

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Overview

Directs a school employer to contact the Board of Teaching to determine whether the board has taken disciplinary action against a prospective teacher for misconduct. Excludes from the definition of misconduct any board action based on court-ordered child support or maintenance payment arrearages or delinquent state taxes.

Section

1 Section 1. Investigation of disciplinary actions taken against prospective teachers. (a)

Directs a school board or other school hiring authority when offering employment to a teacher to contact the Board of Teaching to determine whether the board has taken disciplinary action against the teacher based on sexual misconduct or attempted sexual misconduct between the teacher and a student or other misconduct.

(b) Clarifies that “disciplinary action” does not include board actions based on court-ordered child support or maintenance payment arrearages or delinquent state taxes.

Makes this section effective beginning May 1, 2009.