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H.B. No. 884

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a revision of the essential knowledge and skills of the public school foundation curriculum and proclamations for the production of instructional materials.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 28.0025 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.0025. REVIEW AND REVISION OF ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS. (a) The State Board of Education shall:

(1) conduct a review of the essential knowledge and skills for the foundation curriculum adopted under Section 28.002(a)(1); and

(2) revise the essential knowledge and skills for that curriculum to narrow the number and scope of student expectations for each subject and grade level in accordance with this section.

(b) The scope of the essential knowledge and skills for each subject and grade level of the foundation curriculum must:

(1) be more narrow than the scope of the essential knowledge and skills adopted as of January 1, 2017; and

(2) require less time for a demonstration of mastery than required for the essential knowledge and skills adopted as of January 1, 2017.

(c) In complying with this section, the State Board of Education shall:

1 (1) ensure that a revision of the essential knowledge
2 and skills for the foundation curriculum does not result in a need
3 for the adoption of new instructional materials;

4 (2) consider for each subject and grade level, the
5 time:

6 (A) a teacher would require to provide
7 comprehensive instruction on a particular student expectation; and

8 (B) a typical student would require to master a
9 particular student expectation;

10 (3) determine whether, in light of the consideration
11 required by Subdivision (2), each essential knowledge and skill of
12 a subject can be comprehensively taught within the instruction time
13 required under Section 25.081, not including the amount of time
14 required for testing;

15 (4) determine whether the college and career readiness
16 standards have been appropriately integrated in the essential
17 knowledge and skills for each subject and grade level; and

18 (5) consider whether an assessment instrument
19 administered under Section 39.023 adequately assesses a particular
20 student expectation.

21 (d) Not later than September 1, 2020, the State Board of
22 Education shall complete the review and revision of the essential
23 knowledge and skills for each subject and grade level of the
24 foundation curriculum that was last revised before September 1,
25 2014.

26 (e) This section expires September 1, 2021.

27 SECTION 2. Section 31.002, Education Code, is amended by

adding Subdivision (1-b) to read as follows:

(1-b) "Proclamation" means a request for production of instructional materials issued by the State Board of Education.

SECTION 3. Section 31.022, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (b-1), (b-2), and (b-3) and amending Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(b-1) For any state fiscal biennium, the board may only issue proclamations for instructional materials in which the total projected cost of instructional materials under the proclamations does not exceed 75 percent of the total amount used to fund the instructional materials allotment under Section 31.0211 for that biennium.

(b-2) Following the adoption of revised essential knowledge and skills for any subject, the board shall determine whether issuance of a proclamation is necessary based on the significance of the changes to the essential knowledge and skills. If the board determines a proclamation is necessary, the board shall issue:

(1) a full call for instructional materials aligned to all of the essential knowledge and skills for the subject and grade level;

(2) a supplemental call for instructional materials aligned to new or expanded essential knowledge and skills for the subject and grade level;

(3) a call for new information demonstrating alignment of current instructional materials to the revised essential knowledge and skills; or

(4) any combination of the calls described by

1 Subdivisions (1), (2), and (3).

2 (b-3) In determining the disbursement of money to the
3 available school fund and the amount of that disbursement that will
4 be used, in accordance with Section 43.001(d), to fund the
5 instructional materials allotment under Section 31.0211, the board
6 must consider the cost of all instructional materials and
7 technology requirements for that state fiscal biennium.

8 (f) The board shall amend any proclamation [~~request for~~
9 ~~production~~] issued for the purchase of instructional materials to
10 conform to the instructional materials funding levels provided by
11 the General Appropriations Act for the year of implementation and
12 to comply with Subsection (b-1).

13 SECTION 4. Sections 31.101(d) and (e), Education Code, are
14 repealed.

15 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.