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H.B. No. 424

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a continuing review and 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 28.0026 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.0026. 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) as necessary, 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, 2021; and

(2) require less time for a demonstration of mastery than required for the essential knowledge and skills adopted as of January 1, 2021.

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

1 Education shall:

2 (1) consider, for each subject and grade level, the  
3 time:

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

6 (B) a typical student would require to master a  
7 particular student expectation;

8 (2) determine whether, in light of the consideration  
9 required by Subdivision (1), each essential knowledge and skill of  
10 a subject can be comprehensively taught within the instruction time  
11 provided by Section 25.081, not including the amount of time  
12 required for testing;

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

16 (4) consider whether an assessment instrument  
17 administered under Section 39.023 adequately assesses a particular  
18 student expectation.

19 (c-1) The State Board of Education must ensure that any  
20 revision of the essential knowledge and skills for the foundation  
21 curriculum performed before September 1, 2024, does not result in a  
22 need for the adoption of new instructional materials. This  
23 subsection expires September 1, 2025.

24 (d) The State Board of Education shall adopt a schedule for  
25 continuing the review and revision required by this section of the  
26 essential knowledge and skills for each subject and grade level of  
27 the foundation curriculum.

1 SECTION 2. Section 31.002, Education Code, is amended by  
2 adding Subdivision (1-b) to read as follows:

3 (1-b) "Proclamation" means a request for production of  
4 instructional materials issued by the State Board of Education.

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

8 (b-1) For any state fiscal biennium, the board may only  
9 issue proclamations for instructional materials in which the total  
10 projected cost of instructional materials under the proclamations  
11 does not exceed 75 percent of the total amount used to fund the  
12 instructional materials and technology allotment under Section  
13 31.0211 for that biennium.

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

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

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

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

1           (4) any combination of the calls described by  
2 Subdivisions (1), (2), and (3).

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

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

15           SECTION 4. Sections 31.101(d) and (e), Education Code, are  
16 repealed.

17           SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.