

By: Allison, Guillen

H.B. No. 3298

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3298:

By: Dutton

C.S.H.B. No. 3298

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a computer science strategic advisory committee and the essential knowledge and skills of the technology applications curriculum.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 28.0181 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.0181. COMPUTER SCIENCE STRATEGIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) In this section, "advisory committee" means the computer science strategic advisory committee established under this section.

(b) The agency shall establish the computer science strategic advisory committee as a permanent advisory committee to the agency to develop and provide recommendations for increasing computer science instruction and participation in public schools.

(c) The advisory committee is composed of at least 11 members. The members must include:

(1) two members appointed by the governor;

(2) two members appointed by the lieutenant governor;

(3) two members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(4) one member appointed by the chair of the senate committee with primary jurisdiction over primary and secondary education;

1 (5) one member appointed by the chair of the senate
2 committee with primary jurisdiction over higher education;

3 (6) one member appointed by the chair of the house of
4 representatives committee with primary jurisdiction over primary
5 and secondary education;

6 (7) one member appointed by the chair of the house of
7 representatives committee with primary jurisdiction over higher
8 education;

9 (8) one member appointed by the chair of the State
10 Board of Education; and

11 (9) any other members added by the advisory committee
12 in a manner determined by the committee in the committee's
13 discretion.

14 (d) In appointing members to the advisory committee, the
15 governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of
16 representatives shall coordinate appointments to ensure that the
17 six individuals appointed to the advisory committee collectively by
18 those officers include:

19 (1) three educators who teach in a public school and
20 are certified in computer science;

21 (2) one parent or person standing in parental relation
22 to a student enrolled in a public school;

23 (3) one person employed in the technology industry;
24 and

25 (4) one faculty member of an institution of higher
26 education.

27 (e) The governor shall designate a member of the advisory

1 committee as the presiding officer of the advisory committee to
2 serve in that capacity at the pleasure of the governor.

3 (f) The advisory committee may hold public meetings.

4 (g) Members of the advisory committee are not entitled to
5 compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for actual and
6 necessary expenses incurred in fulfilling committee duties.

7 (h) The agency shall appoint an agency employee to support
8 the advisory committee.

9 (i) Not later than January 1 of each odd-numbered year, the
10 advisory committee shall submit to the governor and the legislature
11 a report that includes recommended changes to state law, including
12 funding proposals and timelines for the implementation of the
13 recommended changes. The report shall include recommendations that
14 are intended to:

15 (1) increase the number of certified computer science
16 teachers;

17 (2) increase the number of public high schools
18 offering computer science courses;

19 (3) increase the number of high school students
20 enrolled in computer science courses;

21 (4) encourage the enrollment of diverse student
22 populations in computer science courses; and

23 (5) expand computer science learning opportunities,
24 including computer programming, computer coding, cybersecurity,
25 and computational thinking, in public schools.

26 SECTION 2. Section 5, Chapter 1149 (H.B. 2984), Acts of the
27 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, is repealed.

1 SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date
2 of this Act, the appropriate persons, as provided by Section
3 28.0181(c), Education Code, as added by this Act, shall appoint
4 members to the computer science strategic advisory committee.

5 SECTION 4. Not later than December 31, 2022, the State Board
6 of Education shall review and revise, as needed, the essential
7 knowledge and skills of the technology applications curriculum as
8 required by Section 28.002(c-3), Education Code, as added by
9 Chapter 1149 (H.B. 2984), Acts of the 86th Legislature, Regular
10 Session, 2019.

11 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.