BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.H.B. 1172 By: Madden (Staples) Education 5/24/2003 Committee Report (Substituted)

DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, the State Board of Education (SBOE) may reject a textbook only if certain criteria exists. C.S.H.B. 1172 authorizes SBOE to provide for a review process for textbooks and to reject textbooks that do not meet the requirements of the Texas Education Code.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the State Board of Education in SECTION 1 (Section 31.0221, Education Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter B, Chapter 31, Education Code, by adding Section 31.0221, as follows:

Sec. 31.0221. REVIEW OF TEXTBOOKS FOR CERTAIN CONTENT. (a) Authorizes the State Board of Education (SBOE), in addition to the procedures otherwise provided by this subchapter, to by rule provide for a process under which textbooks are reviewed by the board to determine compliance with the requirements of Section 28.002(h).

(b) Authorizes SBOE by majority vote, notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, to reject a textbook for placement on a conforming or nonconforming list if the textbook is determined through the process authorized by Subsection (a) to not comply with the requirements of Section 28.002(h).

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003. Provides that this Act applies to each textbook submitted for adoption in response to a proclamation issued by SBOE on or after September 1, 2003.