

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, a school district is required to offer both foundation and enrichment curricula. However, as a condition of accreditation, a school district is required to provide instruction using the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) in the foundation curriculum, whereas in the enrichment curriculum, the TEKS standards are only required to be used as guidelines. As proposed, S.B. 815 repeals language describing the requirements for the enrichment curriculum and provides that a school district must provide instruction of certain essential knowledge and skills in the enrichment curriculum as a condition of accreditation.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 28.002(c), Education Code, by amending a reference to the “foundation curriculum” to read “required curriculum.”

SECTION 2. Repealer: Section 28.002(d), Education Code (requiring the State Board of Education to identify essential knowledge and skills of each subject of the enrichment curriculum, and requiring each district to use the knowledge and skills identified by the SBE as instructional guidelines).

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2003.