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H.B. No. 319

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the objectives of public education.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4.001(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The objectives of public education are:

OBJECTIVE 1: Parents will be full partners with educators in the education of their children.

OBJECTIVE 2: Students will be encouraged and challenged to meet their full educational potential.

OBJECTIVE 3: Through enhanced dropout prevention efforts, all students will remain in school until they obtain a high school diploma.

OBJECTIVE 4: A well-balanced and appropriate curriculum will be provided to all students.

OBJECTIVE 5: Educators will prepare students to be thoughtful, active citizens who have an appreciation for the basic values of our state and national heritage and who can understand and productively function in a free enterprise society.

OBJECTIVE 6 [~~5~~]: Qualified and highly effective personnel will be recruited, developed, and retained.

OBJECTIVE 7 [~~6~~]: The state's students will demonstrate exemplary performance in comparison to national and international standards.

1           OBJECTIVE 8 [7]: School campuses will maintain a safe and  
2 disciplined environment conducive to student learning.

3           OBJECTIVE 9 [8]: Educators will keep abreast of the  
4 development of creative and innovative techniques in instruction  
5 and administration using those techniques as appropriate to improve  
6 student learning.

7           OBJECTIVE 10 [9]: Technology will be implemented and used  
8 to increase the effectiveness of student learning, instructional  
9 management, staff development, and administration.

10          SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2003-2004  
11 school year.

12          SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.