

By: Grusendorf, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Shapiro) H.B. No. 319
(In the Senate - Received from the House April 2, 2003;
April 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
Education; April 28, 2003, reported favorably by the following
vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 28, 2003, sent to printer.)

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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