

1-1 By: Eissler (Senate Sponsor - Van de Putte) H.B. No. 2908  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 12, 2003;  
1-3 May 13, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Education; May 26, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 2; May 26, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the development of essential knowledge and skills for  
1-9 subjects in the enrichment curriculum.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 28.002, Education Code, is amended by  
1-12 amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (c-1) to read as  
1-13 follows:

1-14 (c) The State Board of Education, with the direct  
1-15 participation of educators, parents, business and industry  
1-16 representatives, and employers shall by rule identify the essential  
1-17 knowledge and skills of each subject of the required ~~[foundation]~~  
1-18 curriculum that all students should be able to demonstrate and that  
1-19 will be used in evaluating textbooks under Chapter 31 and addressed  
1-20 on the assessment instruments required under Subchapter B, Chapter  
1-21 39. As a condition of accreditation, the board shall require each  
1-22 district to provide instruction in the essential knowledge and  
1-23 skills at appropriate grade levels.

1-24 (c-1) A district may apply to the commissioner for an  
1-25 extension in complying with the rules adopted by the State Board of  
1-26 Education under Subsection (c), as amended by H.B. No. 2908, Acts of  
1-27 the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003. The commissioner may  
1-28 adopt rules as necessary for the implementation of this subsection.  
1-29 This subsection expires September 1, 2005.

1-30 SECTION 2. Section 28.002(d), Education Code, is repealed.

1-31 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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