

By: Van de Putte

S.B. No. 815

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the development of essential knowledge and skills for subjects in the enrichment curriculum.

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

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

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

(c-1) A district may apply to the commissioner for an extension in complying with the rules adopted by the State Board of Education under Subsection (c), as amended by Senate Bill No. 815, Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003. The commissioner may adopt rules as necessary for the implementation of this subsection. This subsection expires September 1, 2005.

SECTION 2. Subsection (d), Section 28.002, Education Code,

1 is repealed.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.