

1-1 By: Van de Putte S.B. No. 815
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 3, 2003; March 10, 2003, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; May 9, 2003,
1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 9, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 815 By: Van de Putte

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the development of essential knowledge and skills for
1-10 subjects in the enrichment curriculum.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 28.002, Education Code, is amended by
1-13 amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (c-1) to read as
1-14 follows:

1-15 (c) The State Board of Education, with the direct
1-16 participation of educators, parents, business and industry
1-17 representatives, and employers shall by rule identify the essential
1-18 knowledge and skills of each subject of the required ~~[foundation]~~
1-19 curriculum that all students should be able to demonstrate and that
1-20 will be used in evaluating textbooks under Chapter 31 and addressed
1-21 on the assessment instruments required under Subchapter B, Chapter
1-22 39. As a condition of accreditation, the board shall require each
1-23 district to provide instruction in the essential knowledge and
1-24 skills at appropriate grade levels.

1-25 (c-1) A district may apply to the commissioner for an
1-26 extension in complying with the rules adopted by the State Board of
1-27 Education under Subsection (c), as amended by Senate Bill No. 815,
1-28 Acts of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003. The
1-29 commissioner may adopt rules as necessary for the implementation of
1-30 this subsection. This subsection expires September 1, 2005.

1-31 SECTION 2. Subsection (d), Section 28.002, Education Code,
1-32 is repealed.

1-33 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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