

Amend CSSB 422 (house committee report) in Article 1 of the bill by inserting the following new section, appropriately numbered, and renumbering the subsequent sections of Article 1 of the bill accordingly:

SECTION 1.____. Subchapter A, Chapter 32, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 32.007 to read as follows:

Sec. 32.007. AGREEMENT WITH PUBLIC BROADCASTING STATION.

(a) The commissioner may enter into an agreement with a public broadcasting station, or a consortium of public broadcasting stations, under which the station or consortium will provide online instructional content and educational materials.

(b) From funds appropriated to the agency, the commissioner may, under an agreement entered into under Subsection (a), make instructional materials available through public broadcasting stations for purposes of instruction and professional development and for use in providing adult-based education.

(c) An agreement entered into under Subsection (a) must, to the extent practicable, provide access to instructional materials and online content to persons located in all parts of this state.

(d) For purposes of providing high-quality online instructional materials under this section, the commissioner may:

(1) use federal funds that may be used for those purposes; or

(2) use unexpended balances of funds appropriated to the agency for educational purposes, including adult education.