By: Davis of Dallas

H.B. No. 1145

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the provision of instruction in the Spanish language as

3 part of the required curriculum in public schools.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 28.002, Education Code, is amended by

6 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (c-2) and (c-3) to

7 read as follows:

8 (a) Each school district that offers kindergarten through

9 grade 12 shall offer, as a required curriculum:

10 (1) a foundation curriculum that includes:

11 (A) English language arts;

12 (B) Spanish;

13 (C) mathematics;

14 (D) [(C)] science; and

15 (E) [(D)] social studies, consisting of Texas,

16 United States, and world history, government, and geography; and

17 (2) an enrichment curriculum that includes:

18 (A) to the extent possible, languages other than

19 English and Spanish;

20 (B) health;

21 (C) physical education;

22 (D) fine arts;

23 (E) economics, with emphasis on the free

24 enterprise system and its benefits;

1   (F)   career and technology education; and

2   (G)   technology applications.

3   (c-2)   In adopting the essential knowledge and skills under

4 Subsection (c) for Spanish, the State Board of Education shall

5 adopt knowledge and skills designed to result in students who are

6 proficient   in   speaking,   reading,   writing,   and   comprehending

7 Spanish.

8   (c-3)   The State Board of Education may adopt rules providing

9 for an exemption from the required Spanish curriculum for a student

10 who demonstrates proficiency in speaking, reading, writing, and

11 comprehending Spanish.

12   SECTION 2.   This Act applies beginning with the 2006-2007

13 school year.

14   SECTION 3.   This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.   If this

17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

18 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.