

1-1 By: Van de Putte S.B. No. 1348
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1348 By: Watson

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to higher education curriculum review teams to review
1-11 public school curriculum standards for college readiness purposes.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is
1-14 amended by adding Section 28.0024 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 28.0024. HIGHER EDUCATION CURRICULUM REVIEW TEAMS.

1-16 (a) For each subject undergoing a review for the purpose of
1-17 identifying and adopting the essential knowledge and skills of a
1-18 subject of the required curriculum under Section 28.002, the
1-19 commissioner of higher education shall appoint a higher education
1-20 curriculum review team to review and make recommendations to the
1-21 State Board of Education concerning the essential knowledge and
1-22 skills to ensure that proposed essential knowledge and skills:

1-23 (1) are factually accurate and aligned with
1-24 contemporary scholarship;

1-25 (2) serve to prepare students for college; and

1-26 (3) serve appropriate instructional purposes.

1-27 (b) Each higher education curriculum review team shall
1-28 consist of not fewer than five and not more than 10 faculty members
1-29 of institutions of higher education or private or independent
1-30 institutions of higher education, as defined by Section 61.003.
1-31 Each member appointed to a team must have:

1-32 (1) at least five years of higher education teaching
1-33 experience in the subject under review and a terminal degree in that
1-34 subject; or

1-35 (2) at least five years of higher education teaching
1-36 experience in the field of education and a doctoral degree in
1-37 education.

1-38 (c) For each higher education curriculum review team, a
1-39 public institution of higher education or private or independent
1-40 institution of higher education may nominate one faculty member
1-41 qualified under Subsection (b). A nomination made under this
1-42 subsection must be submitted to the commissioner of higher
1-43 education together with a document of not more than one page
1-44 detailing the faculty member's experience, including specific
1-45 experience with the subject under review by the team.

1-46 (d) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in
1-47 collaboration with the commissioner of education, shall develop and
1-48 post on the board's Internet website a blind scoring system,
1-49 including the criteria on which the scoring is based, for ranking
1-50 nominations made under Subsection (c).

1-51 (e) The commissioner of higher education, based on the
1-52 system developed under Subsection (d), shall make the appointments
1-53 to each higher education curriculum review team from among persons
1-54 nominated by institutions of higher education or private or
1-55 independent institutions of higher education under this section.

1-56 (f) Notwithstanding Subsections (c) and (e), if the subject
1-57 under review by a higher education curriculum review team is career
1-58 and technical education, at least one member of the team must be
1-59 selected from each of the following institutions:

1-60 (1) Texas State Technical College System; and

1-61 (2) Lamar Institute of Technology.

1-62 (g) In selecting appointees for a higher education
1-63 curriculum review team, the commissioner of higher education shall

2-1 attempt to achieve a balanced combination of educational
2-2 perspectives.

2-3 (h) Each higher education curriculum review team shall,
2-4 before final identification and adoption of the essential knowledge
2-5 and skills by the State Board of Education, make recommendations to
2-6 the State Board of Education concerning the essential knowledge and
2-7 skills.

2-8 (i) The agency shall post on the agency's Internet website
2-9 the recommendations of each higher education curriculum review
2-10 team.

2-11 (j) The commissioner of higher education shall coordinate
2-12 with the State Board of Education as necessary for the
2-13 administration of this section.

2-14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-18 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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