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H.B. No. 2549

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the periodic review and revision of college and career
3 readiness standards in public education.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 28.008(b) and (c), Education Code, are
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (b) The vertical teams shall:

8 (1) recommend for approval by the commissioner of
9 education and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board college
10 readiness standards and expectations that address what students
11 must know and be able to do to succeed in entry-level courses
12 offered at institutions of higher education;

13 (2) evaluate whether the high school curriculum
14 requirements under Section 28.002 and other instructional
15 requirements serve to prepare students to successfully perform
16 college-level course work;

17 (3) recommend how the public school curriculum
18 requirements can be aligned with college readiness standards and
19 expectations;

20 (4) develop instructional strategies for teaching
21 courses to prepare students to successfully perform college-level
22 course work; ~~and~~

23 (5) develop or establish minimum standards for
24 curricula, professional development materials, and online support

1 materials in English language arts, mathematics, science, and
2 social studies, designed for students who need additional
3 assistance in preparing to successfully perform college-level
4 course work; and

5 (6) periodically review and revise the college
6 readiness standards and expectations developed under Subdivision
7 (1) and recommend revised standards for approval by the
8 commissioner of education and the Texas Higher Education
9 Coordinating Board.

10 (c) The commissioner of education and the Texas Higher
11 Education Coordinating Board by rule shall:

12 (1) establish the composition and duties of the
13 vertical teams established under this section; and

14 (2) establish a schedule for the periodic review
15 required under Subsection (b)(6), giving consideration to the cycle
16 of review and identification under Section 28.002 of the essential
17 knowledge and skills of subjects of the required curriculum.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.