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S.B. No. 197

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to procedures applicable to adoption of the public school curriculum by the State Board of Education.

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

SECTION 1. Section 28.002, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c-3) to read as follows:

(c-3) The State Board of Education's procedures for adopting the essential knowledge and skills of the required curriculum under Subsection (c) must provide that:

(1) any amendment to the proposed essential knowledge and skills of a subject that will be offered during a board meeting must be submitted to other board members and, through posting on the agency's website and any other appropriate method of providing access, made available for public review not later than the third business day preceding the date of the board meeting in order to be eligible for adoption by a majority of the board members present and voting;

(2) any amendment described by Subdivision (1) that is not submitted to other board members and made available for public review by the date and in the manner stated by that subdivision may be adopted only by a vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the board; and

(3) the board may not vote on final adoption of the complete essential knowledge and skills of a subject, as amended by

1 board members in accordance with Subdivisions (1) and (2), unless
2 at least 24 hours have elapsed since the time at which the final
3 amendment was adopted.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.