

1-1 By: Duncan S.B. No. 1474
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 7, 2013; March 18, 2013, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 8, 2013,
 1-4 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
 1-5 April 8, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Patrick	X			
1-8 Lucio	X			
1-9 Campbell	X			
1-10 Duncan	X			
1-11 Paxton	X			
1-12 Seliger	X			
1-13 Taylor	X			
1-14 Van de Putte	X			
1-15 West	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the adoption of major curriculum initiatives by a
 1-20 school district.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subsection (g), Section 28.002, Education Code,
 1-23 is amended to read as follows:

1-24 (g) A local instructional plan may draw on state curriculum
 1-25 frameworks and program standards as appropriate. Each district is
 1-26 encouraged to exceed minimum requirements of law and State Board of
 1-27 Education rule. Each district shall ensure that all children in the
 1-28 district participate actively in a balanced curriculum designed to
 1-29 meet individual needs. Before the adoption of a major curriculum
 1-30 initiative, including the use of a curriculum management system, a
 1-31 district must use a process that:

1-32 (1) includes teacher input;
 1-33 (2) provides district employees with the opportunity
 1-34 to express opinions regarding the initiative; and
 1-35 (3) includes a meeting of the board of trustees of the
 1-36 district at which:

1-37 (A) information regarding the initiative is
 1-38 presented, including the cost of the initiative and any
 1-39 alternatives that were considered; and

1-40 (B) members of the public and district employees
 1-41 are given the opportunity to comment regarding the initiative.

1-42 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-43 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-44 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-45 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-46 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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