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H.B. No. 842

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to review of public school instructional materials for compliance with accessibility standards.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 31, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 31.0222 to read as follows:

Sec. 31.0222. REVIEW OF COMPLIANCE WITH ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS. (a) In addition to any review of the content and factual accuracy of submitted instructional materials required by this chapter, the State Board of Education or the commissioner, as applicable, shall ensure that a separate review is performed of instructional materials designed to be delivered electronically to verify that the materials comply with applicable accessibility standards, including the technical standards of Section 508, Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 794d).

(b) The results of the review required by this section must be provided in conjunction with the results of the review of the content and factual accuracy.

SECTION 2. Section 31.0222, Education Code, as added by this Act, applies only to instructional materials submitted to the State Board of Education or commissioner of education for review on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.