

Amend CSSB 610 (senate committee printing) by striking all below the enacting clause and substituting the following:

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 30A, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 30A.116 to read as follows:

Sec. 30A.116. STUDY ON EXPANSION TO CERTAIN GRADE LEVELS.

(a) The agency, using existing resources, shall conduct a study regarding the feasibility of offering a full-time electronic course program for a grade level at or above kindergarten and below grade level three. The study must consider:

(1) whether offering courses through the virtual school network to students in those grade levels is appropriate; and

(2) the academic impact on students in those grade levels of offering courses through the virtual school network to those students.

(b) Not later than September 1, 2018, the agency shall submit to the commissioner and each legislative standing committee with primary jurisdiction over public education a report that includes:

(1) the results of the study conducted under this section; and

(2) recommendations regarding offering courses through the virtual school network to students in a grade level at or above kindergarten and below grade level three.

(c) This section expires January 1, 2019.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.