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H.B. No. 2970

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a Texas water resources program component of the science curriculum used in public schools in certain grade levels.

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

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

(bb) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the Texas Water Development Board, shall develop a Texas water resources program that a school district shall use in the district's eighth grade science curriculum. The program must:

(1) address water conservation, including the importance of water conservation and water conservation strategies;

(2) address innovative water projects;

(3) address information regarding surface water, groundwater, and the water cycle; and

(4) be sequenced and paced for one semester or term.

SECTION 2. (a) Not later than May 1, 2018, the State Board of Education shall develop a Texas water resources program as provided by Section 28.002(bb), Education Code, as added by this Act.

(b) A school district shall use the Texas water resources program developed by the State Board of Education as provided by Section 28.002(bb), Education Code, as added by this Act, beginning

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1 with the 2018-2019 school year.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.