By:  Dutton (Senate Sponsor - Hughes) H.B. No. 4310

(In the Senate - Received from the House April 26, 2019; April 29, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Education; May 17, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 17, 2019, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                    Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Taylor            X

Lucio                X

Bettencourt          X

Campbell             X

Fallon               X

Hall                 X

Hughes               X

Paxton               X

Powell               X

Watson               X

West                 X

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 4310 By:  Hughes

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a school district's scope and sequence for subjects in the required curriculum for public school students.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 28.0027 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.0027.  DISTRICT CURRICULUM SCOPE AND SEQUENCE. (a) In adopting a recommended or designated scope and sequence for a subject in the required curriculum under Section 28.002(a) in a particular grade level, a school district shall ensure sufficient time is provided for teachers to teach and students to learn the essential knowledge and skills for that subject and grade level.

(b)  Except as provided by Subsection (c), a school district may not penalize a teacher who does not follow a recommended or designated scope and sequence for a subject in the required curriculum under Section 28.002(a) in a particular grade level based on the teacher's determination that the teacher's students need more or less time in a specific area to demonstrate proficiency in the essential knowledge and skills for that subject and grade level.

(c)  A school district may take appropriate action with respect to a teacher for conduct described by Subsection (b) based on documented evidence of a deficiency in classroom instruction obtained through observation or substantiated and documented third-party information.

SECTION 2.  This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

SECTION 3.  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, 2019.

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