

AN ACT

relating to the availability of school district trustee information on the Internet and a review of the essential knowledge and skills of certain curricula.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 11, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 11.1518 to read as follows:

Sec. 11.1518. TRUSTEE INFORMATION POSTED ON WEBSITE. (a)

Each school district that maintains an Internet website shall post on the website the name, e-mail address, and term of office, including the date the term began and the date the term expires, of each member of the district's board of trustees.

(b) If a school district does not maintain an Internet website, the district shall submit the information required by Subsection (a) to the agency. On receipt of the district's information, the agency shall post the information on the agency's Internet website.

(c) Each time there is a change in the membership of a school district's board of trustees, the district shall update the information required under Subsection (a) and, as applicable:

(1) post the updated information on the district's Internet website; or

(2) submit the updated information to the agency for posting on the agency's Internet website in accordance with

1 Subsection (b).

2 SECTION 2. Not later than March 1, 2020, the State Board of
3 Education shall:

4 (1) conduct a review of the essential knowledge and
5 skills of the career and technology and technology applications
6 curricula; and

7 (2) amend the board's rules in the Texas
8 Administrative Code to consolidate the technology applications
9 courses for grades 9 through 12 in 19 T.A.C. Chapter 126, Subchapter
10 C, with the career and technical education courses in 19 T.A.C.
11 Chapter 130, and eliminate duplicative courses while ensuring
12 certifications are aligned with the rigor of each individual
13 course.

14 SECTION 3. The State Board of Education is required to
15 implement a provision of this Act only if the legislature
16 appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If the
17 legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that
18 purpose, the State Board of Education may, but is not required to,
19 implement a provision of this Act using other appropriations
20 available for that purpose.

21 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
25 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 963 was passed by the House on May 2, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 3, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 963 on May 23, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 122, Nays 18, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 963 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 19, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor