

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

1 third-party information.

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

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

H.B. No. 4310

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4310 was passed by the House on April 25, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 128, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 4310 on May 24, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 134, Nays 8, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4310 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor