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S.B. No. 1319

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the applicability of requirements regarding the suspension of a student from a school district of innovation.

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

SECTION 1. Section 12A.004(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A local innovation plan may not provide for the exemption of a district designated as a district of innovation from the following provisions of this title:

(1) a state or federal requirement applicable to an open-enrollment charter school operating under Subchapter D, Chapter 12;

(2) Subchapters A, C, D, and E, Chapter 11, except that a district may be exempt from Sections 11.1511(b)(5) and (14) and Section 11.162;

(3) state curriculum and graduation requirements adopted under Chapter 28; ~~and~~

(4) requirements regarding the suspension of a student under Sections 37.005(b) and (c); and

(5) academic and financial accountability and sanctions under Chapters 39 and 39A.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act to Section 12A.004(a), Education Code, apply to a district of innovation designated under Chapter 12A, Education Code, and to a local

1 innovation plan developed under Section [12A.003](#), Education Code,  
2 regardless of whether the district of innovation was designated  
3 before, on, or after the effective date of this Act, and regardless  
4 of whether the local innovation plan was developed before, on, or  
5 after the effective date of this Act.

6         SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
8 provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.