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S.B. No. 1320

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the applicability of educator certification and assignment requirements to school districts 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) educator certification requirements under Chapter 21 for teachers assigned to teach subject areas included in the foundation curriculum under Section 28.002(a)(1);

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

(5) [~~4~~] academic and financial accountability and sanctions under Chapters 39 and 39A.

SECTION 2. Section 12A.004(a), Education Code, as amended by this Act, applies to each local innovation plan adopted under

1 Chapter 12A, Education Code, regardless of whether the plan was  
2 adopted before, on, or after the effective date of this Act. A local  
3 innovation plan adopted or renewed before the effective date of  
4 this Act must comply with Section 12A.004(a), Education Code, as  
5 amended by this Act, not later than September 1, 2023.

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.