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H.B. No. 3557

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to review and approval of international baccalaureate courses by the State Board of Education.

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

SECTION 1. Section 28.009, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsections (a-7) and (a-8) to read as follows:

(a-7) The State Board of Education shall review any international baccalaureate course offered for compliance with:

(1) the school laws of this state; and

(2) the essential knowledge and skills adopted by the board.

(a-8) A school district may only offer international baccalaureate courses that comply with:

(1) the school laws of this state; and

(2) the essential knowledge and skills adopted by the State Board of Education.

SECTION 2. Section 28.051(6), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(6) "International baccalaureate examination" means the international baccalaureate examination administered by the International Baccalaureate Organization for an international baccalaureate course offered in accordance with Section 28.009.

SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

1           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.