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H.B. No. 5104

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the essential knowledge and skills of the technology applications curriculum for public school students.

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

SECTION 1. Section 28.002, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c-3) and adding Subsection (c-4) to read as follows:

(c-3) In adopting the essential knowledge and skills for the technology applications curriculum for grade seven [~~kindergarten~~] through grade eight, the State Board of Education shall adopt essential knowledge and skills that include Internet safety, keyboard use, coding, computer programming, computational thinking, and cybersecurity, or that would require the use of electronic devices, digital instruction. The State Board of Education shall review and revise, as needed, the essential knowledge and skills of the technology applications curriculum every five years to ensure the curriculum:

(1) is relevant to student education; and

(2) aligns with current or emerging professions.

(c-4) The board may not adopt essential knowledge and skills that require the use of electronic devices or digital instruction for kindergarten through grade eight for any purpose not required by Subsection (c-3).

SECTION 2. Not later than December 31, 2024, the State Board

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1 of Education shall review and revise, as needed, the essential  
2 knowledge and skills of the technology applications curriculum as  
3 required by Section 28.002(c-3), Education Code, as amended by this  
4 Act.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.