

By: Paxton

S.B. No. 421

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the applicability of certain requirements relating to
3 parental rights, open records, and public information to school
4 districts designated as districts of innovation.

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

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

8 (a) A local innovation plan may not provide for the
9 exemption of a district designated as a district of innovation from
10 or limit the applicability of ~~[the following provisions of this~~
11 ~~title]~~:

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

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

18 (3) any parental right or entitlement described or
19 provided under Chapter 26;

20 (4) [~~3~~] state curriculum and graduation
21 requirements adopted under Chapter 28; [~~and~~]

22 (5) [~~4~~] academic and financial accountability and
23 sanctions under Chapters 39 and 39A; or

24 (6) any requirement under Chapter 551 or 552,

1 Government Code.

2 SECTION 2. Section 12A.008, Education Code, is amended by
3 adding Subsection (b-2) to read as follows:

4 (b-2) The commissioner may terminate a district's
5 designation as a district of innovation if the district's local
6 innovation plan exempts the district from a provision or limits the
7 application of a provision in violation of Section 12A.004(a)(3) or
8 (6).

9 SECTION 3. Section 12A.004(a), Education Code, as amended
10 by this Act, applies to each local innovation plan adopted under
11 Chapter 12A, Education Code, regardless of whether the plan was
12 adopted before, on, or after the effective date of this Act. A local
13 innovation plan adopted or renewed before the effective date of
14 this Act must comply with Section 12A.004(a), Education Code, as
15 amended by this Act, not later than September 1, 2023.

16 SECTION 4. Section 12A.008(b-2), Education Code, as added
17 by this Act, applies beginning September 1, 2023.

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