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S.B. No. 1153

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to accelerated instruction for public school students who fail to achieve satisfactory performance on certain assessment instruments.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 28.0211(a-4) and (a-6), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a-4) If a district receives funding under Section 29.0881, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (Div. M, Pub. L. No. 116-260), or the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. No. 117-2), then supplemental instruction provided by a school district under Subsection (a-1)(2) must:

(1) include targeted instruction in the essential knowledge and skills for the applicable grade levels and subject area;

(2) be provided in addition to instruction normally provided to students in the grade level in which the student is enrolled;

(3) be provided:

(A) for 10 ~~[no less than 30]~~ total hours, or more hours if recommended by the school district and authorized by the student's parent or guardian;

(B) during the subsequent summer or school year;

and

1 (C) according to a schedule the district
2 determines is most effective for the student [~~, unless the~~
3 ~~instruction is provided fully during summer, include instruction no~~
4 ~~less than once per week during the school year~~];

5 (4) be designed to assist the student in achieving
6 satisfactory performance in the applicable grade level and subject
7 area;

8 (5) include effective instructional materials
9 designed for supplemental instruction;

10 (6) be provided to a student individually or in a group
11 of no more than six [~~three~~] students, unless the parent or guardian
12 of each student in the group authorizes a larger group;

13 (7) be provided by a person with training in the
14 applicable instructional materials for the supplemental
15 instruction and under the oversight of the school district; and

16 (8) to the extent possible, be provided by one person
17 for the entirety of the student's supplemental instruction period.

18 (a-6) The commissioner shall:

19 (1) provide guidelines to school districts on
20 research-based best practices and effective strategies that a
21 district may use in developing an accelerated instruction program;

22 (2) [and shall] provide resources to districts to
23 assist in the provision of an accelerated instruction program; and

24 (3) provide information to districts before the
25 beginning of each semester on effective uses for each resource
26 provided under Subdivision (2).

27 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024

1 school year.

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