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S.B. No. 1363

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to clarification of the essential knowledge and skills of the public school curriculum and the evaluation of conforming curriculum management systems.

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

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

(c-1) In cooperation with the State Board of Education and with the participation of educators, the agency shall develop written materials that provide additional specific guidance regarding the essential knowledge and skills identified in accordance with Subsection (c). The materials must include appropriate clarifiers such as exemplar activities and qualifying statements.

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 28.016 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.016. CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS. (a) In this section, "curriculum management system" means a comprehensive, fully integrated online computer-based system that:

(1) links and aligns all teaching, learning, and assessment components of student academic achievement; and

(2) may include components such as curriculum, instructional resources, assessments, a data warehouse, and a reporting feature capable of being customized to meet specific

1 school district needs.

2 (b) As a resource for school districts, the agency shall:

3 (1) evaluate curriculum management systems available  
4 in this state, including systems developed by school districts,  
5 regional education service centers, and regional education service  
6 center cooperatives; and

7 (2) compile a list of curriculum management systems  
8 that conform to the essential knowledge and skills of the required  
9 curriculum identified under Section 28.002.

10 SECTION 3. This Act does not make an appropriation. A  
11 provision in this Act that creates a new governmental program,  
12 creates a new entitlement, or imposes a new duty on a governmental  
13 entity is not mandatory during a fiscal period for which the  
14 legislature has not made a specific appropriation to implement the  
15 provision.

16 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.