

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on Instruction
Thursday, June 22, 2023**

The State Board of Education Committee on Instruction met at 9:07 a.m. on Thursday, June 22, 2023, in Room #1-100 of the William B. Travis Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. Attendance was noted as follows:

Present: Audrey Young, chair; Evelyn Brooks; Pam Little; Melissa Ortega

Absent: Aicha Davis

Public Testimony

The Committee on Instruction received no presentations of public testimony.

ACTION ITEM

1. **Proposed Repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Development and Career and Technical Education, Subchapter I, Health Science, §127.411; Subchapter M, Law and Public Service, §127.633; Subchapter O, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, §§127.744, 127.756, 127.757, 127.761, 127.764, 127.765, 127.769, and 127.770 (Second Reading and Final Adoption)**
(Board agenda page II-1)
[Consent agenda item #(1)]

Jessica Snyder, special projects director, curriculum standards and student support division, explained that this item would repeal the career and technical education Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) that have been replaced by new career and technical education TEKS. The new standards will be implemented in the 2023-2024 school year, therefore these TEKS are no longer needed.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little, seconded by Mrs. Brooks, and carried without objection to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption the proposed repeal of 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Development and Career and Technical Education, Subchapter I, Health Science, §127.411, Pharmacology (One Credit), Adopted 2015; Subchapter M, Law and Public Service, §127.633, Forensic Science (One Credit), Adopted 2015; and Subchapter O, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, §127.744, Principles of Biosciences (One Credit), Adopted 2015; §127.756, Biotechnology I (One Credit), Adopted 2015; §127.757, Biotechnology II (One Credit), Adopted 2015; §127.765, Digital Forensics (One Credit), Beginning with School Year 2019-2020; §127.769, Foundations of Cybersecurity (One Credit); and §127.770, Cybersecurity Capstone (One Credit); and*

Make an affirmative finding that immediate adoption of the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 127, Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Career Development and Career and Technical Education, Subchapter I, Health Science, §127.411, Pharmacology (One Credit), Adopted 2015;

Subchapter M, Law and Public Service, §127.633, Forensic Science (One Credit), Adopted 2015; and Subchapter O, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, §127.744, Principles of Biosciences (One Credit), Adopted 2015; §127.756, Biotechnology I (One Credit), Adopted 2015; §127.757, Biotechnology II (One Credit), Adopted 2015; §127.765, Digital Forensics (One Credit), Beginning with School Year 2019-2020; §127.769, Foundations of Cybersecurity (One Credit); and §127.770, Cybersecurity Capstone (One Credit), is necessary effective date of August 1, 2023. and shall have an effective date of August 1, 2023.

DISCUSSION ITEM

- 2. Discussion of Possible Amendment to 19 TAC, Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.27, Innovative Courses and Programs**
(Board agenda page II-5)

Monica Martinez, associate commissioner for standards and programs, explained that, based on the committee's request at the April 2023 meeting, this item provided an opportunity for the committee to discuss possible amendments to 19 TAC, Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.27, Innovative Courses and Programs. Ms. Martinez stated that based on guidance from the committee regarding desired amendments, proposed amendments would be presented at the September meeting for consideration for first reading and filing authorization.

ACTION ITEMS

- 3. Consideration of Innovative Courses**
(Board agenda page II-8)
[Official agenda item #8]

Ms. Snyder explained that this item presents for approval two new innovative courses that do not fall within any of the subject areas of the foundation or enrichment curriculum. Ms. Snyder provided a brief overview of two proposed new innovative courses, Multilingual Acculturation Studies and Navigating Excellence.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Ortega, seconded by Mrs. Little, and carried to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the innovative course, Multilingual Acculturation Studies, which does not fall within any of the subject areas of the foundation or enrichment curriculum for a duration of two years.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Dr. Ortega, seconded by Mrs. Brooks, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education deny the innovative course, Navigating Excellence, which does not fall within any of the subject areas of the foundation or enrichment curriculum.*

4. Approval of Updates and Substitutions to Adopted Instructional Materials

(Board agenda page II-12)

[Consent agenda item #(2)]

Amie Phillips, director, instructional materials review, open education resources division, explained that Children's Learning Institute at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, is requesting approval to update content in its *CIRCLE Pre-K Curriculum English/Spanish* product to align with recent changes to the Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines; Learning A–Z is requesting approval to update digital content in its adopted product, *Raz Plus ELL Texas Edition*, for kindergarten and grades 2–5, and Savvas Learning is requesting approval to update their *myView* and *miVisión Literacy* products for kindergarten through grade 2 to better align with law and rule related to phonics. She explained that staff reviewed the requested changes and determined that the updated material addresses the TEKS in a manner equivalent to the original content and shared that no public comment was received.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little, seconded by Dr. Ortega, and carried to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the request from Savvas Learning, to update content in its, Texas myView, and Texas miVisión Literacy product adopted under Proclamation 2019.*

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Mrs. Little, seconded by Dr. Ortega, and carried unanimously to recommend that the State Board of Education approve the request from Children's Learning Institute at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, to update content in its CIRCLE Pre-K Curriculum English/Spanish product adopted under Proclamation 2021.*

The committee postponed action on the request to update content from Learning A–Z's English language arts and reading product, *Raz Plus ELL Texas Edition*, for kindergarten and grades 2–5, adopted under *Proclamation 2019* to the September meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEM

5. Discussion of Annual Audit Reports for Credit by Examination from Texas Tech University and The University of Texas at Austin

(Board agenda page II-21)

Ms. Snyder explained that this item provides an opportunity for the committee to discuss the annual audit reports submitted by Texas Tech University and The University of Texas at Austin regarding examinations used for credit by examination.

The meeting of the Committee on Instruction adjourned at 10:33 a.m.