

**Report of the State Board of Education
Committee on Instruction
Thursday, November 16, 2023**

The State Board of Education Committee on Instruction met at 9:45 a.m. on Thursday, November 16, 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; Aicha Davis; Pam Little; Melissa Ortega (virtual)

Absent: Evelyn Brooks

Public Testimony

The Committee on Instruction received no presentations of public testimony.

ACTION ITEM

1. **Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC, Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.27, Innovative Courses and Programs**
(Second Reading and Final Adoption)
(Board agenda page II-1)
[Official agenda item #7]

Ms. Ramos explained that this item presents for second reading and final adoption a proposed amendment to the rule related to innovative courses and programs. She reviewed the public comments that were received during the public comment period.

MOTION: *It was moved by Ms. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Little to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.27, Innovative Courses and Programs, and*

Make an affirmative finding that immediate adoption of the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.27, Innovative Courses and Programs, is necessary and shall have an effective date of 20 days after filing with the Texas Register.

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mrs. Little, and carried without objection to recommend that the State Board of Education amend §74.27(a)(3) and (4) to read as follows:*

- “(3) To request approval from the SBOE ~~or the commissioner~~, the applying school district or organization must submit a request for approval at least six months before planned implementation that includes:”

“(4) To request approval ~~from the commissioner~~ for a career and technical education innovative course, the applying school district or organization must submit with its request for approval evidence that the course is aligned with state and/or regional labor market data.”

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mrs. Little, and carried without objection to recommend that the State Board of Education add new §74.27(a)(3)(I) to read as follows:*

“(I) a copy of or electronic access to any recommended instructional resources for the course.”

MOTION AND VOTE: *It was moved by Ms. Davis, seconded by Mrs. Little, and carried without objection to recommend that the State Board of Education amend §74.27(a)(9) to read as follows:*

“(9) Texas Education Agency shall review all approved innovative courses once every two years and provide for consideration for sunset a list of innovative courses that have been approved as an innovative course for at least three years and meet one of the following criteria:

- (A) ~~approved as an innovative course for at least three years and;~~
- (A) ~~(B) two consecutive years of zero enrollment for the previous two years;~~
- (B) average enrollment of less than 100 students statewide for the previous three years;
- (C) student enrollment at an average of fewer than 20 districts or charter schools statewide for the previous three years;
- (D) duplicative of another innovative or TEKS-based course; or
- (E) approved for implementation as a TEKS-based course.”

MOTION AND VOTE: *A vote was taken on the original motion to recommend that the State Board of Education approve for second reading and final adoption the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.27, Innovative Courses and Programs, and*

Make an affirmative finding that immediate adoption of the proposed amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.27, Innovative Courses and Programs, is necessary and shall have an effective date of 20 days after filing with the Texas Register.

The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEM

2. **Discussion of Proposed Amendment to 19 TAC Chapter 74, Curriculum Requirements, Subchapter C, Other Provisions, §74.38, Requirements for Instruction in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)**
(Board agenda page II-7)

Jessica Snyder, special projects director, curriculum standards and student support division, explained that the proposal would require instruction in the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED) in addition to instruction in CPR for student in Grades 7-12 to align with the requirements of House Bill (HB) 4375, 88th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2023. She indicated that if it is the will of the committee, staff will present proposed amendments for consideration for first reading and filing authorization at the January-February 2024 SBOE meeting.

ACTION ITEM

3. Approval of Updates and Substitutions to Adopted Instructional Materials

(Board agenda page II-10)

[Consent agenda item #(1)]

Amie Phillips, director, instructional materials review and approval, district operations, technology, and sustainability supports division, presented requests from EDUSPARK and from Children's Learning Institute at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston to update content in their prekindergarten materials adopted under *Proclamation 2021*. She explained that these updates were requested to ensure alignment with the 2022 Texas Prekindergarten Guidelines, which were revised after the materials were adopted.

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

DISCUSSION ITEM

4. Discussion of Proposed Updates to the Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students

(Board agenda page II-12)

Monica Brewer, gifted/talented education statewide coordinator, special populations department, explained that the *Texas State Plan for the Education of Gifted/Talented Students* (State Plan) was last updated in 2019 and that TEA staff would like the board to consider establishing a process to update the State Plan every four years. She explained that there is currently a need to update guidance related to the use of gifted/talented funds and to clarify guidance regarding professional development for school counselors and administrators.

The meeting of the Committee on Instruction adjourned at 10:25 a.m.