BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law requires each school district to use the essential knowledge and skills as guidelines in providing instruction in the enrichment curriculum. This bill would, as a condition of accreditation, require each school district to provide instruction in the essential knowledge and skills at appropriate grade levels, except as provided by Section 28.004, Education Code.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 255 establishes provisions relating to enrichment curriculum requirements.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 28.002(d), Education Code, to require each school district, as a condition of accreditation, to provide instruction in essential knowledge and skills at appropriate grade levels, except as provided by Section 28.004. Deletes text regarding the use of essential knowledge and skills identified by the board as guidelines.

SECTION 2. Provides that this Act applies beginning with the 1999-2000 school year.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.

Effective date: upon passage.