Statutory Citations Relating to Proposed Amendments to 19 TAC Chapter 66, State Adoption and Distribution of Instructional Materials, Subchapter B, State Adoption of Instructional Materials, and Subchapter C, Local Operations

Texas Education Code (TEC), §31.002, Definitions, as amended by Senate Bill (SB) 810, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2017 (excerpt):

(1-a) "Open education resource [Open-source] instructional material" means teaching, learning, and research resources that reside in the public domain or have been released under an intellectual property license that allows for free use, reuse, modification, and sharing with others, including full courses, course materials, modules, textbooks, streaming videos, tests, software, and any other tools, materials, or techniques used to support access to knowledge [electronic instructional material that is available for downloading from the Internet at no charge to a student and without requiring the purchase of an unlock code, membership, or other access or use charge, except for a charge to order an optional printed copy of all or part of the instructional material]. The term includes state-developed open education resource [open-source] instructional material purchased under Subchapter B-1.

TEC, §31.003, Rules:

The State Board of Education may adopt rules, consistent with this chapter, for the adoption, requisition, distribution, care, use, and disposal of instructional materials.

TEC, §31.023, Instructional Material List, as amended by SB 801, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2017:

(a) For each subject and grade level, the State Board of Education shall adopt a list of instructional materials. The list includes each instructional material submitted for the subject and grade level that meets applicable physical specifications adopted by the State Board of Education and contains material covering at least half of the elements of the essential knowledge and skills of the subject and grade level in the student version of the instructional material, as well as in the teacher version of the instructional material, as determined by the State Board of Education under Section 28.002 and adopted under Section 31.024.

(a-1) The State Board of Education shall determine the percentage of the elements of the essential knowledge and skills of the subject and grade level covered by each instructional material submitted. The board's determination under this subsection is final.

(b) Each instructional material on the list must be:

(1) free from factual errors;
(2) suitable for the subject and grade level for which the instructional material was submitted; and
(3) reviewed by academic experts in the subject and grade level for which the instructional material was submitted.

TEC, §31.035, Supplemental Instructional Materials, as amended by SB 801, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2017:

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, the State Board of Education may adopt supplemental instructional materials that are not on the list adopted under Section 31.023. The
State Board of Education may adopt supplemental instructional material under this section only if the instructional material:

(1) contains material covering one or more primary focal points or primary topics of a subject in the required curriculum under Section 28.002, as determined by the State Board of Education;

(2) is not designed to serve as the sole instructional material for a full course;

(3) meets applicable physical specifications adopted by the State Board of Education; [and]

(4) is free from factual errors;

(5) is suitable for the subject and grade level; and

(6) is reviewed by academic experts in the subject and grade level.

(b) The State Board of Education shall identify the essential knowledge and skills identified under Section 28.002 that are covered by supplemental instructional material adopted by the board under this section.

(c) Supplemental instructional material is subject to the review and adoption cycle provisions, including the midcycle review and adoption cycle provisions, of this subchapter.

(d) A school district or open-enrollment charter school may requisition supplemental instructional material adopted under this section only if the district or school requisitions the supplemental instructional material along with other supplemental instructional materials or instructional materials on the list adopted under Section 31.023 that in combination cover each element of the essential knowledge and skills for the course for which the district or school is requisitioning the supplemental instructional materials.

(e) Repealed.

(f) A school district or open-enrollment charter school that requisitions supplemental instructional materials shall certify to the agency that the supplemental instructional materials, in combination with any other instructional materials or supplemental instructional materials used by the district or school, cover the essential knowledge and skills identified under Section 28.002 by the State Board of Education for the subject and grade level for which the district or school is requisitioning the supplemental instructional materials.

(g) Repealed.

House Bill 3526, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2017:

SECTION 5. The heading to Section 31.0211, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 31.0211. TECHNOLOGY AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS ALLOTMENT.