

State Board of Education THE STATE of TEXAS

- Amend the Texas Education Code (TEC) to allow the \$20 Open Education Resource (OER) allotment to be utilized for any OER materials on the State Board of Education (SBOE) Approved List.
- Assign rating school library books for sexually explicit and sexually relevant content described in TEC 35 to the SBOE, giving the SBOE rulemaking authority to govern the process. Furthermore, amend the statute to streamline the book challenge process.
- Support Texas Education Agency's (TEA) exceptional item request related to Special Education Funding Commission recommendations.
- Grant rulemaking authority to the SBOE regarding school systems' implementation of Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment, including automatic requirements for parental notification.
- Increase funding to Local Educational Agencies (LEA) for hiring certified teachers and/or increasing salaries for certified teachers.
- Create the Navigating Excellence Through Targeted Support program to fund student-level targeted math and reading intervention to the lowest performing campuses in Texas.
- Reimburse costs associated with an individual's successful attempt at the special education and bilingual certification exams.
- Implement the seven remaining recommendations made by the Governor's Teacher Vacancy Task Force to improve teacher recruitment and retention.
- Expand the Rural Pathway Excellence Partnership program by removing the funding cap.