

TASB Policy Update 119

Board of Trustees Workshop
August 9, 2022





Overview of Update 119

- › Encompasses changes to the policy manual based on bills from the special called sessions
- › Revisions to 51 legal policies and 9 local policies



CRD (LEGAL)

Insurance and Annuities Management: Health and Life Insurance

Revisions to TRS-ActiveCare provisions are based on amended Administrative Code rules. New text addresses prohibitions on offering alternative group health coverage and highlights the information that must be submitted with written elections to participate in TRS-ActiveCare.



CPC (LEGAL)

Office Management: Records Management

Revisions to this legally referenced policy are based on revised Administrative Code rules from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC)

CPC (LOCAL)

Office Management: Records Management

The new rules add local policy requirements for district management of electronic records. To meet these requirements, new policy provisions delegate to the records management officer the responsibility to develop procedures for the management of electronic records that comply with the district's records control schedules and meet minimum components required by law.



DMA (LOCAL) Professional Development: Required Staff Development

SB 1267 (Regular Session) requires the board to annually review the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) clearinghouse regarding best practices and industry recommendations for professional development and adopt a professional development policy based on the training recommendations in the clearinghouse.

To meet the policy requirements, the recommended local policy text reflects that the board shall annually approve the district's professional development plan, which must be guided by the clearinghouse; note any differences from the clearinghouse recommendations; and include a schedule of required professional development.

Please note: SB 1267 requires SBEC to publish the clearinghouse by June 1, 2022, and districts to adopt a professional development policy by August 1, 2022. TASB Policy and Legal Services recommend that the board adopt DMA(LOCAL) and approve the district professional development plan by August 1, or as soon as possible thereafter, to ensure compliance with the bill.



EHAA (LEGAL)

Basic Instructional Program: Required Instruction (All Levels)

Effective with the 2022–23 school year, SB 9 (Second Called Session) provides that the SHAC must recommend the appropriate grade levels and curriculum for instruction on child abuse, family violence, dating violence, and sex trafficking. The bill also imposes several requirements regarding curriculum materials on those topics, including:

- Revised parental notification and new parental consent provisions;
- Posting of proposed and adopted curriculum materials and options for a parent to purchase copyrighted materials from the publisher; and
- New board policy on adopting curriculum materials.



EHAA (LOCAL) Basic Instructional Program: Required Instruction (All Levels)

New provisions are recommended based on SB 9 (Second Called Session), which imposes several requirements for instruction on the prevention of child abuse, family violence, dating violence, and sex trafficking, including a board policy on adopting curriculum materials. The policy follows the steps required by law, including board adoption of a resolution to convene the school health advisory council (SHAC) to hold meetings and make recommendations to the board at a public meeting, as well as board confirmation that the recommendations meet the requirements in law before taking action by a record vote.



EIF (LEGAL)

Academic Achievement: Graduation

Revised Administrative Code rules provide additional detail on the requirement for a student to complete a financial aid application to meet graduation requirements. The rules, beginning on page 3 of this policy, require the board to adopt the TEA-provided form a student may submit to opt out of the financial aid application requirement and require adoption of a board policy to address the methods by which a student can confirm submission of a financial aid application.



EIF (LOCAL)

Academic Achievement: Graduation

Revised Administrative Code rules require a board policy to address the methods by which a student can confirm completion and submission of a financial aid application to meet graduation requirements. The recommended text aligns with TEA guidance and addresses methods for both the free application for federal financial aid (FAFSA) and the Texas application for state financial aid (TASFA).



FFH (LEGAL)

Student Welfare: Freedom from Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation

To the extent possible, a district shall make available to students age-appropriate educational materials that include information on the dangers of dating violence and resources to students seeking help. Education Code 37.0831(c)



FFH (LOCAL)

Student Welfare: Freedom from Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation

To meet new board policy requirements from SB 9 (Second Called Session), we recommend text at Notice to Parents, which requires the district, upon receipt of a report of dating violence, to immediately notify the parent of the student identified as the alleged victim or perpetrator.

District policy must also include reporting procedures and guidelines for students who are victims of dating violence and include a clear statement that dating violence is not tolerated at school. No changes to your district's policy are recommended regarding these elements based on the district's existing policy provisions, which include reporting procedures and a statement of nondiscrimination that specifically prohibits dating violence.

Additional revisions are recommended to clarify the definition of prohibited conduct and the district's response to such conduct.

Questions?

