



DISCUSSION OF TASB BOARD POLICY UPDATE 123

BBD(LOCAL): BOARD MEMBERS – TRAINING AND ORIENTATION

HB 3033 authorizes the attorney general to require trustees to complete training on the Public Information Act if the attorney general finds that there has been a violation of the Act. Language is recommended to make clear that this training after a violation cannot be delegated to the district's Public Information Act coordinator.

BBFA(LOCAL): ETHICS – CONFLICT OF INTERESTS DISCLOSURES

Language is recommended to clarify that a trustee's ethical duty to disclose a financial or other personal interest in board transactions goes beyond the statutory conflicts of interest set out in state and federal law. The added language serves to demonstrate a commitment to avoid undue influence, increase transparency, and avoid the appearance of impropriety in public dealings.

CCGB(LOCAL): AD VALOREM TAXES – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Substantial changes are recommended to remove provisions addressing expired laws related to Tax Code Chapter 313 agreements.

CKC(LOCAL): SAFETY PROGRAM/RISK MANAGEMENT – EMERGENCY PLANS

A section on Notice Regarding Violent Activity is recommended to comply with legal requirements. Administrative procedures must be created to align with TEA's model standards.

CKEA(LOCAL): SECURITY PERSONNEL – COMMISSIONED PEACE OFFICERS

Significant revisions are recommended to the CKE policy series to promote compliance and clarification with HB 3 and other legal requirements. As Education Code 37.081 covers both police authority and duties, the margin note has been edited to clarify the scope of the policy language. The section on temporary assignments has been incorporated into Limitations on Nonschool Employment to account for possible off-duty officer use by both the district and other agencies. A section on Interlocal Agreement has been added to note that district police officers will function within the scope of the agreement. Other edits have been made for consistency with policy style.

CQC(LOCAL): TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES - EQUIPMENT

This new local policy is recommended to meet the legal requirement for the board to adopt a policy for the effective integration of digital devices in the district. The policy language adopts the model health and safety guidelines developed by TEA and the Health and Human Services Commission and clarifies that the superintendent must develop regulations for implementation.

DCE(LOCAL): EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES – OTHER TYPES OF CONTRACTS

Revisions at Termination During Contract Term are recommended to specify that an employee may request a hearing before the board to appeal discharge during the contract period and to differentiate between terminations during and at the end of the contract term.

DGBA(LOCAL): PERSONNEL – MANAGEMENT RELATIONS – EMPLOYEE COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES

Extensive revisions within the CKE policy series necessitated an update to the cross-reference in the list of other complaint processes. Also, to accommodate planned restructuring of policy DIA, we have revised the references to that code in this policy to reflect the DIA series. No other changes have been made to this policy.

EEH(LOCAL): INSTRUCTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS – HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTION

TEA's revisions to the Student Attendance Accounting Handbook (SAAH) prompted recommended updates to this policy. Students may now receive homebound services for psychological, as well as medical, conditions. The SAAH also indicates that the weeks of confinement due to a medical or psychological condition do not need to be consecutive to qualify. The policy language has been updated to reflect this change.

EF(LOCAL): INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES

As explained at EF(LEGAL), above, this local policy addressing instructional resources is being deleted. New local policies to address instructional materials and library materials separately are included at EFA and EFB.

EFA(LOCAL): INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES – INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The enclosed policy regarding instructional materials is recommended to coordinate with the policy addressing library materials at EFB(LOCAL). The provisions previously housed at EF(LOCAL) have been moved to this code with the following revisions:

- At Selection, a clarification has been made to reflect that instructional materials must be chosen in accordance with stated objectives and administrative regulations and may include items from the State Board of Education list.

- At Reconsideration of Instructional Materials, the list of individuals who can submit a request for re consideration has been revised. This change is recommended to align with the list provided in the new EFB(LOCAL), which permits an employee or parent or guardian to submit these requests.

EFB(LOCAL): INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES – LIBRARY MATERIALS

This recommended policy aligns with changes to the Administrative Code and the new collection development standards for school libraries as a result of HB 900. Please review the following information in your policy:

- The location of the form for formal reconsideration;
- The position title for the person responsible for appointing the reconsideration committee; and
- The number of days allocated for appointing the committee, providing the material for review to the committee, and completing the committee's final report.

FNG(LOCAL): STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES – STUDENT AND PARENT – COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES

Extensive revisions within the CKE policy series necessitated an update to the cross-reference in the list of other complaint processes. Also, to accommodate planned restructuring of policy FFH, we have revised the references to that code in this policy to reflect the FFH series. No other changes have been made to this policy.

GF(LOCAL): PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

Extensive revisions within the CKE policy series necessitated an update to the cross-reference in the list of other complaint processes. No other changes have been made to this policy.