

IMA Legislation

- Other bills that have been filed
 - HB 413 – Bernal, increases flexibility of the IMA by allowing monies to be spent on staff members who are:
 1. Directly involved in student learning,
 2. Involved in addressing the social-emotional health of students; or
 3. Provides technical support
 - HB 213 – Canales, requires all publishers to provide at no additional cost access to all printed materials in electronic format.

SBOE Legislative Priorities

- Expand the State Board of Education's authority to review and approve IMs (Instructional materials) beyond 50% of TEKS coverage, factual errors, and applicable physical specifications.
- Allocate funds to the State Board of Education to support the creation and implementation of a long-range plan as required by Texas Education code 7.102(c)(1). http://tea.texas.gov/About_TEA/Leadership/State_Board_of_Education/2016/November/November_2016_Committee_of_the_Full_Board_Tuesday_Item_2/
- Protect the public education funds/services to adequately identify and serve the needs of all special education students by identifying and not limiting the number of students served or funded.
- Remove the limitation on the agency to undertake on-site monitoring of school districts and charters and provide funding for on-site monitoring.
- Ensure sufficient legislative appropriations to increase staffing at the TEA, particularly in the curriculum division, to provide adequate personnel to oversee and support the TEKS review and implementation process and the text book adoption process.
- Conserve public free schools and prohibit public dollars from going to private schools or parents/guardians.
- Improve student data privacy by 1) providing resources to the agency to ensure the agency data systems maintain and improve student data privacy, 2) passing requirements for publishers and third party suppliers to ensure student data privacy and 3) enacting student data privacy guidelines for local districts that include a requirement for local districts to adopt a plan to protect student data privacy.
- Support the Commissioner's request for E-Rate support funding for high-speed internet infrastructure for classroom connectivity to improve student access to online resources for all Texas students.