Timeline: New TSLAC Mandatory Collection Development Standards

HB 900 was passed by the 88th Legislature in May, signed by Governor Greg Abbott in June, and becomes effective September 1, 2023. The new law, among many other things, requires TSLAC, with SBOE approval, to develop collection development standards that all school districts are required to adhere to in their library collection development policies. The law specifies what must be included in the new standards (see page 2 of the law).

The new required standards must be final by January 1, 2024. Until then, districts should continue to operate under their existing collection development policies.

Timeline

June – mid-July: Finalize draft rules in collaboration with SBOE
Mid-July: TSLAC to submit draft rules to Governor’s Office
Aug 4: TSLAC to present to Commission for approval to submit to SBOE
Week of Aug. 7: Submit to SBOE for consideration at Aug. 29 – Sept. 1 SBOE meeting
Aug 29-Sept. 1: SBOE Meeting - discussion and possible action/approval
Sept. 7: TSLAC Special Commission meeting for sole purpose of approving rules for posting, pending SBOE approval
Sept. 8: TSLAC to file proposed rules with Texas Register
Sept. 22: Proposed rules published for 30-day public comment period
Late Oct. – Nov.: TSLAC to review and respond to comments; consult with SBOE as needed
Nov. 14-17: SBOE Meeting - discussion and possible action/approval, if needed
Dec. 7: TSLAC Special Commission meeting to adopt rules

There will be opportunities for public input throughout this rule-making process.