

## **Timeline: New TSLAC Mandatory Collection Development Standards**

HB 900 was passed by the 88<sup>th</sup> 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: Present informally to TSLAC Commission for approval to submit to SBOE.
- Week of Aug. 7: Submit to SBOE for consideration at Aug. 29 – Sept. 1 SBOE meeting.
- Aug 31: SBOE Committee on Instruction meeting – standards discussion.
- Oct. 13: TSLAC special Commission meeting for the sole purpose of approving rules for posting in Texas Register for public comment.
- Oct. 16 (by noon): TSLAC to file proposed rules with Texas Register (if approved by
- Oct.27: Proposed rules published in the Texas Register for a 30-day comment period.
- Nov. 14 – 17: SBOE Meeting – consideration of proposed rules for approval
- Nov. 27: Comment period closes
- Late Nov. – early Dec.: TSLAC reviews comments and prepares adoption package responding to comments.
- Dec 7: TSLAC special Commission meeting to adopt rules (if approved by SBOE)

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