



District of Innovation Amendment

Approved – May 27, 2021

Background

The Crowley ISD Board of Trustees chose to explore possible exemptions from certain provisions of the Texas Education Code (TEC) through the District of Innovation Process. This opportunity is designed to allow the district flexibility in creating new opportunities to help us meet our mission of providing students with excellence in education so that all students achieve their full potential.

In a resolution passed by the School Board on December 1, 2016, Trustees voted unanimously (6-0) to initiate the process to consider becoming a District of Innovation.

An advisory committee appointed by the school board approved a District of Innovation Plan on February 20, 2017. That plan was posted online for 30 days before going to the school board for final approval on March 30, 2017.

The five-year plan began with the 2017-18 school year and will terminate at the end of the 2021-2022 school year, unless amended, rescinded or renewed by the advisory committee and school board. Any recommended plan changes will be posted to the district website for 30 days and require the approval of the advisory committee, DWEIC and school board.

Through this amendment, we seek to obtain broader exemption from T.E.C. §22.004(i), which precludes a school district from providing an alternative uniform group health coverage program after the school district implements coverages under Chapter 1579.

Amendment

1. T.E.C. §22.004 is not included in any of the prohibited exemptions that can be included in a District's local innovation plan pursuant to T.E.C. §12A.004 or the list of Commissioner's prohibited exemptions in the Texas Administrative Code Title 19, Chapter 102, subchapter JJ, Section 102.1309. Therefore, in order to have the option to offer additional benefits options to employees and to increase local control of the group health benefits plan to allow the District to be responsive to employee and community needs, the district hereby amends the District of Innovation Plan to exempt the district from the health insurance requirements in T.E.C. §22.004(i).

The amendment was reviewed by the committee May 11, 2021 and posted online April 27, 2021 for 30 days to allow for input from parents, staff, students and community members.

The amendment was approved unanimously by the school board on May 27, 2021 (7-0).