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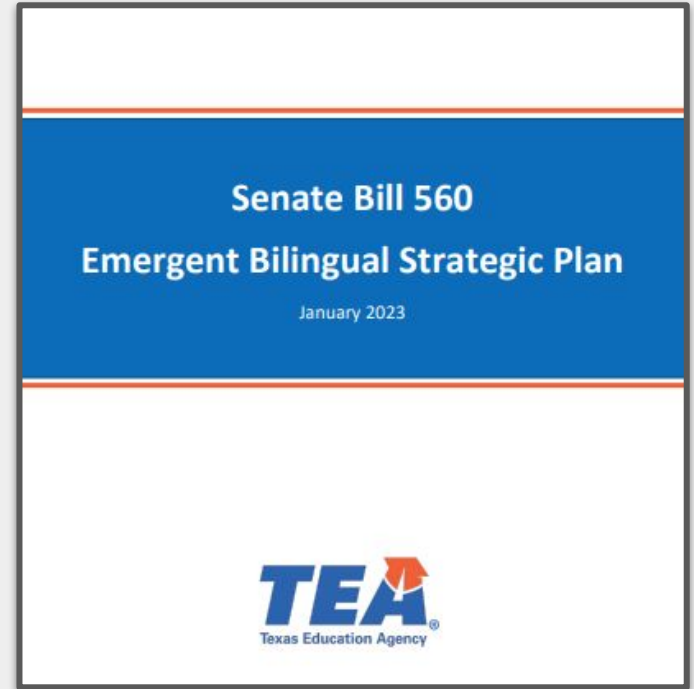
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SB 560 Emergent Bilingual Strategic Plan



2023 Legislative Policy Priorities for Bilingual Education

- **Increase** certified bilingual education teachers through preparation programs, retention support and teacher pay;
- **Raise** bilingual education weight and expenditures limits;
- **Adopt** State Seal of Biliteracy;
- **Ensure** students who speak languages other than English, and their families, have access to quality public education without barriers.



Little Progress from Plan this Spring



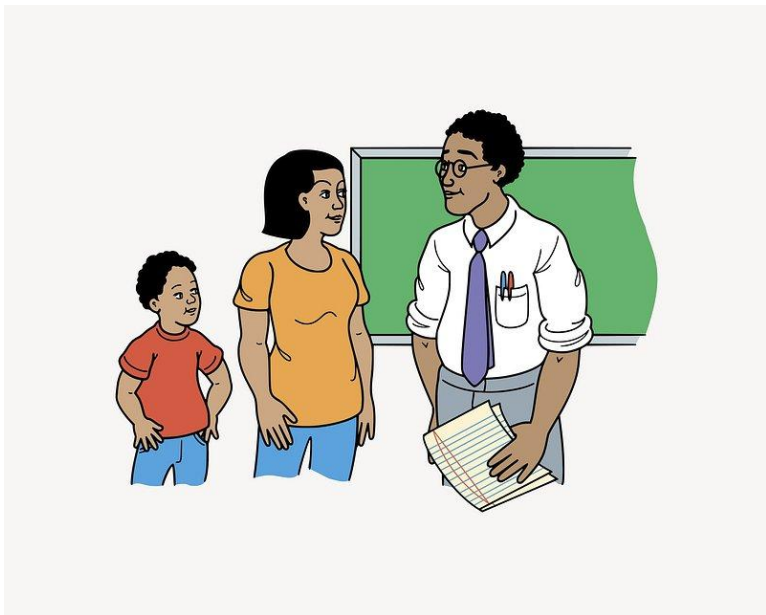
No legislative recommendations
from TEA Strategic Plan for
Emergent Bilingual Students
advanced



More money for more aspiring
bilingual/ESL/Spanish teachers



Key Proposals



- **Educator Supports** in Bilingual/ESL Programs, Training & Technical Assistance
- Increase bilingual graduates with **Seal of Biliteracy**
- **Explore a Spanish STAAR in MS and HS**
- **Reduce barriers** to teacher certification



What do you care about?



Upcoming Opportunities for Action

- ★ **Call** legislators to voice support for bilingual educators!
- ★ **Advocate** at TEA, State Board of Education (SBOE), and State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) for quality bilingual education standards in materials, trainings and certification
- ★ **Participate** in [Texas Legislative Education Equity Coalition \(TLEEC\)](#)



Script to Call a Legislative/Agency Office

Hello/buenas tardes!

My name is [name], I am a [TABE member, bilingual educator, etc.] calling to urge [Legislator] to support bilingual educators and programs this legislative session.

As a bilingual educator/administrator, I would be most supported by [additional training, program funding, technical assistance, bilingual instructional materials, etc.]

Thank you for your time!

****Feel free to share more about yourself, your experience, and anything else!****

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