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SEN. DONNA CAMPBELL AND DAN PATRICK FILE BILL BRINGING OVERSIGHT AND TRANSPARENCY TO CSCOPE

AUSTIN— Senator Donna Campbell has joined Senator Dan Patrick as author of SB 1406 that will enact significant reforms of CSCOPE.

CSCOPE is a teaching management tool with lesson plans that have come under scrutiny with parents, teachers, and legislators over the past year. In February, Senator Patrick conducted a hearing, along with Sen. Campbell and other members of the Senate Education Committee, that exposed problems with CSCOPE, including a lack of management oversight, a lack of transparency, questionable lesson plans, and troubling legal documents.

Since the hearing, Senator Patrick was able to get CSCOPE to agree to the following:

1. Begin the process of closing down the non-profit corporation controlling CSCOPE.
2. Immediately open up all meetings to the public.
3. Begin the process of turning over lessons for review by the SBOE. The first set of lesson plans will be social study lesson plans
4. Begin to put lesson plans on the CSCOPE website and make them easy to locate and read.
5. Establish an oversight board comprised in part by both parents and non-parents.

Senator Campbell and Senator Patrick have filed SB 1406 in order to ensure these reforms are placed in statute. "The agreed-to reforms were a step in the right direction, but they still have much to do and need to do it sooner than later," said Senator Patrick. "If they don't get their act together soon they run the risk of having the entire program shut down," said Senator Campbell.

"No educational curriculum should ever leave parents in the dark. This bill ensures parents have access to the material and that it's correct, credible, and consistent with what Texans want taught in our schools," Sen. Campbell said. "CSCOPE must go

through the same rigorous review process as our textbooks, and Senator Patrick and I are going to insist that CSCOPE clean up their act."

"My recommendation is that CSCOPE remove itself from supplying lesson plans to school districts and go back to the original mission of the supplying a management tool for teachers to keep them on pace to teach the TEKS as required," said Patrick. "If they continue to supply lesson plans that are flawed, incorrect, or raise concerns about content, they risk closure of the entire program."

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Senator Donna Campbell represents Senate District 25 which includes all or parts of Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Hays, Kendall and Travis counties. She is a practicing emergency room physician who lives in New Braunfels with her husband and the youngest of their four daughters.