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H.B. No. 360

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to requiring the disclosure of certain information
3 regarding public school teaching materials and activities.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 26, Education Code, is amended by adding
6 Section 26.0061 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 26.0061. REQUIRED DISCLOSURE REGARDING TEACHING
8 MATERIALS AND ACTIVITIES. (a) In this section:

9 (1) "Activity" includes a presentation, assembly,
10 lecture, or other event facilitated by a school district or
11 open-enrollment charter school, other than a student presentation.

12 (2) "Teaching material" includes:

13 (A) instructional material, as that term is
14 defined by Section 31.002;

15 (B) teaching aids; and

16 (C) any other material a student is given the
17 option to select for the student's instruction.

18 (b) Subject to Subsection (h), not later than the fifth day
19 of each month, each school district and open-enrollment charter
20 school shall make available to the public on the district's or
21 school's Internet website:

22 (1) a list disaggregated by subject area and grade
23 level that states all information, including the title, author,
24 organization, or Internet website, as applicable, necessary to

1 identify a teaching material or activity that was assigned,
2 distributed, or otherwise presented to the district's or school's
3 students during the preceding month in:

4 (A) a course for which students receive academic
5 credit; or

6 (B) an educational event that the district or
7 school requires students to attend or in which a majority of
8 students participate;

9 (2) the district's or school's procedures for
10 documenting, reviewing, or approving a teaching material or
11 activity described by Subdivision (1); and

12 (3) any changes made in the preceding month to the
13 procedures described by Subdivision (2).

14 (c) For purposes of Subsection (b)(1), a school district or
15 open-enrollment charter school is not required to list the
16 individual components of teaching materials produced as a single
17 volume, except that, for a volume that contains works by multiple
18 authors, the district or school shall include in the list under that
19 subsection:

20 (1) a table of contents for the volume; or

21 (2) a link to an Internet website that discloses the
22 title and author of each work included in the volume.

23 (d) Information posted to a school district's or
24 open-enrollment charter school's Internet website under Subsection
25 (b) must be maintained on the website for not less than one year.

26 (e) A school district or open-enrollment charter school may
27 use collaborative online document or spreadsheet software to

1 prepare or post on the district's or school's Internet website the
2 information required under Subsection (b).

3 (f) If requested by the parents of five or more enrolled
4 students who are not siblings, a school district or open-enrollment
5 charter school shall conduct:

6 (1) an administrative review to determine whether the
7 information required to be posted on the district's or school's
8 Internet website under Subsection (b) was posted as required by
9 that subsection; or

10 (2) a review of the teaching materials and activities
11 described by Subsection (b) to determine whether each teaching
12 material and activity is:

13 (A) appropriate for the grade level at which the
14 material or activity is used; and

15 (B) aligned with the essential knowledge and
16 skills for the grade level at which the material or activity is
17 used.

18 (g) This section does not require a school district or
19 open-enrollment charter school to reproduce a teaching material or
20 activity described by Subsection (b)(1).

21 (h) This section does not apply to:

22 (1) a school district or open-enrollment charter
23 school with a student enrollment of less than 300 students; or

24 (2) a teaching material or activity described by
25 Subsection (b)(1) that is selected independently by teachers
26 employed at a campus with a student enrollment of less than 50
27 students for use only at that campus.

1 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024
2 school year.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.