

By: King of Hemphill

H.B. No. 1507

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to prohibiting public school programs dedicated to celebrating or providing special instruction regarding a sexual preference; authorizing a fine.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter 7, Chapter 29, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 29.936 to read as follows:

Sec. 29.936. CELEBRATIONS AND PROGRAMS RELATING TO SEXUAL PREFERENCE PROHIBITED. (a) A school district or open-enrollment charter school shall not organize or host a program dedicated to celebrating or providing special instruction regarding a sexual preference.

(b) The State Board for Educator Certification shall impose sanctions against a district or school employee who organizes or hosts a program described by Subsection (a) in violation of this section, including:

(1) a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$10,000;

(2) termination or suspension of a teacher's permit;  
or

(3) any other sanction that the State Board for Educator Certification deems appropriate.

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

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