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H.B. No. 4603

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to parental rights in public education.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 26, Education Code, is amended by adding Sections 26.0025, 26.0026, and 26.0062 to read as follows:

Sec. 26.0025. PARENTAL RIGHTS INFORMATION. (a) The agency shall create and maintain a document that informs a parent of the parent's rights regarding the education of the parent's child provided under this chapter.

(b) The document must:

(1) include information regarding accessing the contents of this chapter;

(2) be made publicly available in a prominent place on the Internet website of the agency and each school district; and

(3) be provided to parents at the beginning of each school year in an electronic or hard copy format.

Sec. 26.0026. RIGHT TO SELECT EDUCATIONAL SETTING. A parent is entitled to choose the educational setting for the parent's child, including public school, private school, or home school.

Sec. 26.0062. REQUIRED DISCLOSURE REGARDING INSTRUCTIONAL PLAN. (a) Each school district shall adopt a policy to make available on the district's Internet website at the beginning of each semester an instructional plan or course syllabus for each

1 class offered in the district for that semester.

2 (b) The policy adopted under Subsection (a) must:

3 (1) require each teacher to provide before the
4 beginning of each semester a copy of the teacher's instructional
5 plan or course syllabus for each class for which the teacher
6 provides instruction to:

7 (A) district administration; and

8 (B) the parent of each student enrolled in the
9 class;

10 (2) provide for additional copies of an instructional
11 plan or course syllabus to be made available to a parent of a
12 student enrolled in the class on the parent's request.

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

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