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H.B. No. 1655

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1655:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a policy prohibiting public school employees from assisting a student with social transitioning; authorizing a civil penalty; authorizing injunctive relief.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 11, Education Code, is amended by adding Subchapter I to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER I. ASSISTANCE WITH SOCIAL TRANSITIONING PROHIBITED

Sec. 11.401. SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY: ASSISTANCE WITH SOCIAL TRANSITIONING PROHIBITED. (a) In this subchapter, "social transitioning" means a person's transition from the person's biological sex at birth to the opposite biological sex through the adoption of a different name, different pronouns, or other expressions of gender that deny or encourage a denial of the person's biological sex at birth.

(b) The board of trustees of a school district shall adopt a policy prohibiting an employee of the district from assisting a student enrolled in the district with social transitioning, including by providing any information about social transitioning or providing guidelines intended to assist a person with social transitioning.

(c) A parent of a student enrolled in the district or a district employee may report to the board of trustees of the district a suspected violation of the policy adopted under

1 Subsection (b). The board shall investigate any suspected
2 violation and determine whether the violation occurred. If the
3 board determines that a district employee has assisted a student
4 enrolled at the district with social transitioning, the board shall
5 immediately report the violation to the commissioner.

6 Sec. 11.402. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF; CIVIL PENALTY. The
7 attorney general may file a suit against a school district for:

8 (1) injunctive relief to prevent or restrain a
9 violation of this subchapter; or

10 (2) a civil penalty in an amount determined by the
11 court for each violation of this subchapter.

12 SECTION 2. Section 12.104, Education Code, is amended by
13 adding Subsection (b-5) to read as follows:

14 (b-5) Section 11.401 applies to an open-enrollment charter
15 school as though the governing body of the school were the board of
16 trustees of a school district.

17 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026
18 school year.

19 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.