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H.B. No. 1447

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the State Board of Education regarding public school curriculum and textbooks.

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

SECTION 1. Section 31.023, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(b) Each textbook on a conforming or nonconforming list must:

(1) be free from factual errors, including errors of commission or omission related to viewpoint discrimination or special interest advocacy on major issues, as determined by the State Board of Education; and

(2) comply with textbook content guidelines adopted by the board under Subsection (c).

(c) The State Board of Education shall by rule adopt guidelines that define general textbook content standards under this subchapter, including standards related to curriculum requirements under Section 28.002. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Board of Education has sole and unlimited authority to determine textbook content under this subchapter and curriculum requirements under Section 28.002. The board may reject any textbook that contains factual or other errors or that does not comply with the textbook content standards adopted

1 under this subsection.

2 SECTION 2. Section 31.023, Education Code, as amended by
3 this Act, applies only to textbooks adopted by the State Board of
4 Education on or after September 1, 2004.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.