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H.B. No. 1447

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the State Board of Education review of public school  
3 textbooks.

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

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

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

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

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

16 (c) The State Board of Education shall by rule adopt  
17 guidelines that define general textbook content standards under  
18 this subchapter, including standards related to curriculum  
19 requirements under Section 28.002. The board shall reject any  
20 textbook that does not comply with the textbook content standards  
21 adopted under this subsection.

22 SECTION 2. Section 31.023(b), Education Code, as amended by  
23 this Act, applies only to textbooks adopted by the State Board of  
24 Education on or after September 1, 2004.

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