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H.B. No. 2649

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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relating to a study of instruction in public schools regarding the Holocaust and identification of best practices regarding that instruction.

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

SECTION 1. (a) The Texas Education Agency shall conduct or contract for a study of the degree to which public schools are providing instruction to students regarding the Holocaust.

(b) The study must include the following components:

(1) identification of the grade levels at which instruction regarding the Holocaust is being provided;

(2) quantification of the amount of instructional time spent addressing the Holocaust at each affected grade level;

(3) a description of the types of materials being used to provide instruction regarding the Holocaust; and

(4) identification of school district and campus best practices for providing instruction regarding the Holocaust.

(c) Not later than December 1, 2008, the Texas Education Agency shall:

(1) submit a report to the legislature regarding the results of the study required by this section; and

(2) include any best practices identified under Subsection (b)(4) of this section in the online clearinghouse established under Section 7.009, Education Code.

1           SECTION 2. 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, 2007.