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H.B. No. 3944

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to requiring public school textbooks to include references  
3 to persons who have made important contributions.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 31.023(b), Education Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

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

9 (1) be free from factual errors; and

10 (2) as appropriate, include references to persons of  
11 all racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds who have made  
12 important contributions in the subject covered by the textbook.

13 SECTION 2. The change in law made by Section 31.023(b),  
14 Education Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a textbook  
15 for which the State Board of Education issues a proclamation under  
16 Subchapter B, Chapter 31, Education Code, on or after the effective  
17 date of this Act. A textbook for which the State Board of Education  
18 issues a proclamation before the effective date of this Act is  
19 governed by the law in effect when the proclamation was issued, and  
20 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.