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H.B. No. 4250

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to requiring Latino and African-American history as part
3 of the social studies curriculum.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 28.002(a), Education Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (a) Each school district that offers kindergarten through
8 grade 12 shall offer, as a required curriculum:

9 (1) a foundation curriculum that includes:

10 (A) English language arts;

11 (B) mathematics;

12 (C) science; and

13 (D) social studies, consisting of Texas, United
14 States, and world history, government, and geography; Latino
15 history, African-American history, and

16 (2) an enrichment curriculum that includes:

17 (A) to the extent possible, languages other than
18 English;

19 (B) health, with emphasis on the importance of
20 proper nutrition and exercise;

21 (C) physical education;

22 (D) fine arts;

23 (E) economics, with emphasis on the free
24 enterprise system and its benefits;

- 1 (F) career and technology education;
2 (G) technology applications; and
3 (H) religious literature, including the Hebrew
4 Scriptures (Old Testament) and New Testament, and its impact on
5 history and literature.

6 SECTION 2. (a) Not later than March 1, 2010:

- 7 (1) the commissioner of education shall adopt rules as
8 necessary to administer Section 28.002(a)(D), Education Code, as
9 added by this Act; and
10 (2) Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, each
11 school district shall begin to implement Latino and
12 African-American history into the required social studies
13 curriculum.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.