

1-1 By: Naishtat, Raymond (Senate Sponsor - Ellis) H.B. No. 3616  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 4, 2011;  
1-3 May 5, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Administration; May 19, 2011, reported adversely, with favorable  
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0;  
1-6 May 19, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 3616 By: Uresti

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to designating October as Persons with Disabilities  
1-11 History and Awareness Month.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 662, Government Code, is  
1-14 amended by adding Section 662.109 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 662.109. PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES HISTORY AND  
1-16 AWARENESS MONTH. (a) October is Persons with Disabilities History  
1-17 and Awareness Month to:

1-18 (1) increase public awareness of the many achievements  
1-19 of people with disabilities;

1-20 (2) encourage public understanding of the disability  
1-21 rights movement; and

1-22 (3) reaffirm the local, state, and federal commitment  
1-23 to providing equality and inclusion for people with disabilities.

1-24 (b) Persons with Disabilities History and Awareness Month  
1-25 shall be regularly observed by appropriate celebration and  
1-26 activities to promote respect for and better treatment of people  
1-27 with disabilities in this state.

1-28 (c) Each public school may:

1-29 (1) elect to observe Persons with Disabilities History  
1-30 and Awareness Month; and

1-31 (2) determine the appropriate activities by which the  
1-32 school observes Persons with Disabilities History and Awareness  
1-33 Month.

1-34 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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