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H.B. No. 3571

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to rules which insure that local independent school  
3 district selection of non-state adopted instructional materials to  
4 be purchased with state funds, is as accountable and transparent as  
5 the State Board of Education approval process for state-adopted  
6 instructional materials.

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

8 SECTION 1. Section 31.003, Education Code, is amended by  
9 designating the current rule as Subsection (a) and adding  
10 Subsections (b), (b-1), (b-2), (b-3), (b-4), (b-5), and (b-6) to  
11 read as follows:

12 (a) The State Board of Education may adopt rules, consistent  
13 with this chapter, for the adoption, requisition, distribution,  
14 care, use, and disposal of instructional materials.

15 (b) The State Board of Education may by rule set minimum  
16 standards for local procedures selecting non-state adopted  
17 instructional materials to be purchased with state funds only in  
18 the areas of:

19 (1) public notice, access, and input;

20 (2) review by independent panel to determine coverage  
21 of the essential knowledge and skills;

22 (3) prevention/correction of factual errors;

23 (4) coverage of essential knowledge and skills in the  
24 student version as well as in the teacher version of instructional

1 materials, pursuant to TEC 31.023(a);

2 (5) compliance with the stated purpose of TEC  
3 28.002(h); and

4 (6) safeguards against corruption.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.