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H.B. No. 3874

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to course content requirements for biology instruction  
3 provided by a public school.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sec. 28.002(a), REQUIRED CURRICULUM, is amended  
6 to 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, including biology courses that must identify  
13 major stages of human development of an unborn child; including  
14 when the heart starts beating, the development of vital organs, and  
15 sensory development including hearing, seeing, and feeling pain;  
16 and

17 (D) social studies, consisting of Texas, United States, and  
18 world history, government, economics, with emphasis on the free  
19 enterprise system and its benefits, and geography; and

20 (2) an enrichment curriculum that includes:

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

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

24 (C) physical education;

1 (D) fine arts;

2 (E) career and technology education;

3 (F) technology applications;

4 (G) religious literature, including the Hebrew Scriptures  
5 (Old Testament) and New Testament, and its impact on history and  
6 literature; and

7 (H) personal financial literacy.

8 SECTION 2. This Act applies to the next adoption of science  
9 curriculum.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.