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S.B. No. 1211

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to procedures for the review and selection of certain
3 instructional materials by public school districts and
4 open-enrollment charter schools.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 31, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 31.1011 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 31.1011. LOCAL REVIEW AND SELECTION. (a) Each board
9 of trustees of a school district and governing body of an
10 open-enrollment charter school shall adopt procedures for
11 selecting instructional materials that apply to the selection of
12 instructional materials for English language arts, health,
13 science, and social studies.

14 (b) The procedures adopted under Subsection (a) must
15 include procedures for:

16 (1) providing public notice of any instructional
17 material scheduled for review and selection;

18 (2) providing public access, including electronic
19 access if available, to the instructional material scheduled for
20 review and selection; and

21 (3) conducting a public meeting and allowing public
22 comment regarding any instructional material scheduled for review
23 and selection.

24 (c) For purposes of Subsection (b)(2), the procedures

1 adopted must grant public access to the instructional material for
2 at least 30 days before the date the district or school officially
3 selects the instructional material.

4 (d) A school district or open-enrollment charter school
5 must use the procedures adopted as required by this section during
6 the year in which instructional material for a subject described by
7 Subsection (a) is selected.

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