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S.B. No. 605

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
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 Sections 31.1011 and 31.1012 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.

12 (b) The procedures adopted under Subsection (a) must
13 include procedures for:

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

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

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

22 (c) For purposes of Subsection (b)(2), the procedures
23 adopted must grant public access to the instructional material for
24 at least 30 days before the date the district or school officially

1 selects the instructional material.

2 Sec. 31.1012. ADDITIONAL LOCAL PUBLIC MEETING FOR
3 INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL THAT INCLUDES COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS
4 MATERIAL. (a) In this section:

5 (1) "Common core state standards" has the meaning
6 assigned by Section 28.002(b-1).

7 (2) "Parent" includes a person standing in parental
8 relation.

9 (b) If any instructional material selected by a school
10 district or open-enrollment charter school includes common core
11 state standards material, a parent of a student enrolled in the
12 district or school may request that the district or school conduct a
13 public meeting specifically addressing the selection of that
14 instructional material in addition to the public meeting required
15 under Section 31.1011.

16 (c) The board of trustees of a school district or the
17 governing body of an open-enrollment charter school shall schedule
18 the additional public meeting under this section not later than the
19 10th day after the date a parent requests the meeting under
20 Subsection (b). The district or school shall:

21 (1) provide public notice of the meeting;

22 (2) provide public access, including electronic
23 access if available, to the instructional material that includes
24 the common core state standards material; and

25 (3) allow public comment regarding the instructional
26 material that includes the common core state standards material.

27 (d) After a school district or open-enrollment charter

1 school has conducted the additional public meeting required under
2 this section, a parent of a student enrolled in the district or
3 school may request that the district or school remove the
4 instructional material that includes the common core state
5 standards material from the selected list of the district or
6 school.

7 (e) A school district or open-enrollment charter school
8 shall remove any instructional material that includes common core
9 state standards material from the selected list of the district or
10 school on the request of a parent under Subsection (d).

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.