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S.B. No. 801

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the instructional material list and supplemental instructional materials adopted by the State Board of Education.

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

SECTION 1. Section 31.023(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Each instructional material on the list must be:

(1) free from factual errors;

(2) suitable for the subject and grade level for which the instructional material was submitted; and

(3) reviewed by academic experts in the subject and grade level for which the instructional material was submitted.

SECTION 2. Section 31.035(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, the State Board of Education may adopt supplemental instructional materials that are not on the list adopted under Section 31.023. The State Board of Education may adopt supplemental instructional material under this section only if the instructional material:

(1) contains material covering one or more primary focal points or primary topics of a subject in the required curriculum under Section 28.002, as determined by the State Board of Education;

(2) is not designed to serve as the sole instructional

1 material for a full course;

2 (3) meets applicable physical specifications adopted
3 by the State Board of Education; [~~and~~]

4 (4) is free from factual errors;

5 (5) is suitable for the subject and grade level; and

6 (6) is reviewed by academic experts in the subject and
7 grade level.

8 SECTION 3. Sections 31.023(b) and 31.035(a), Education
9 Code, as amended by this Act, apply only to an instructional
10 material list or supplemental instructional material adopted on or
11 after the effective date of this Act. An instructional material
12 list or supplemental instructional material adopted before the
13 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the
14 instructional material list or supplemental instructional material
15 was adopted, and the former law is continued in effect for that
16 purpose.

17 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.