By:  Menéndez S.B. No. 1828

(In the Senate - Filed March 7, 2019; March 18, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 29, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 29, 2019, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                    Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Taylor            X

Lucio                          X

Bettencourt          X

Campbell             X

Fallon               X

Hall                 X

Hughes               X

Paxton               X

Powell               X

Watson               X

West                           X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to Holocaust Remembrance Week in public schools.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter Z, Chapter 29, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 29.9072 to read as follows:

Sec. 29.9072.  HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE WEEK. (a)  In this section, "Holocaust" has the meaning assigned by Section 449.001, Government Code.

(b)  To educate students about the Holocaust and inspire in students a sense of responsibility to recognize and uphold human value and to prevent future atrocities, the governor shall designate a week to be known as Holocaust Remembrance Week in public schools.

(c)  Holocaust Remembrance Week shall include age-appropriate instruction, as determined by each school district. Instruction shall include:

(1)  information about the history of and lessons learned from the Holocaust;

(2)  participation, in person or using technology, in learning projects about the Holocaust; and

(3)  the use of materials developed or approved by the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission.

SECTION 2.  This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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