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H.B. No. 3435

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to establishing and celebrating Texas Girls in STEM Day.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 662, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 662.071 to read as follows:

Sec. 662.071. TEXAS GIRLS IN STEM DAY. (a) March 1 is designated as Texas Girls in STEM Day to celebrate and encourage the participation of girls in this state in fields related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

(b) Texas Girls in STEM Day shall be regularly observed by appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs in public schools, public institutions of higher education, and other places to:

(1) encourage girls in this state to consider career fields in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; and

(2) celebrate and honor the women of this state who have excelled in those fields.

SECTION 2. Subchapter Z, Chapter 29, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 29.925 to read as follows:

Sec. 29.925. TEXAS GIRLS IN STEM. In recognition of Texas Girls in STEM Day, each school district may include throughout the month of March appropriate instruction, activities, and programs to encourage and celebrate women in career fields related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The instruction may

1 include programs that profile women in those fields and related
2 fields, including finance, information technology, data analytics,
3 cybersecurity, and health care cloud architecture.

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