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H.B. No. 3966

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.

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