

1-1 By: Campbell S.B. No. 1776
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 6, 2019; March 18, 2019, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 15, 2019,
 1-4 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 2;
 1-5 April 15, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Taylor	X			
1-8 Lucio	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Campbell	X			
1-11 Fallon	X			
1-12 Hall	X			
1-13 Hughes	X			
1-14 Paxton	X			
1-15 Powell		X		
1-16 Watson	X			
1-17 West		X		

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the inclusion of an elective course on the founding
 1-22 principles of the United States in the curriculum for public high
 1-23 school students and the posting of the founding documents of the
 1-24 United States in public school buildings.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 11, Education Code, is
 1-27 amended by adding Section 11.173 to read as follows:

1-28 Sec. 11.173. POSTING OF FOUNDING DOCUMENTS. The board of
 1-29 trustees of an independent school district shall permit and
 1-30 encourage the posting in a district classroom or school building of
 1-31 a copy of the founding documents of the United States, including the
 1-32 Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, the
 1-33 Federalist Papers, and the writings of the Founding Fathers of the
 1-34 United States.

1-35 SECTION 2. Section 12.104(b), Education Code, as amended by
 1-36 Chapters 324 (S.B. 1488), 522 (S.B. 179), and 735 (S.B. 1153), Acts
 1-37 of the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, is reenacted and
 1-38 amended to read as follows:

1-39 (b) An open-enrollment charter school is subject to:

1-40 (1) a provision of this title establishing a criminal
 1-41 offense; and

1-42 (2) a prohibition, restriction, or requirement, as
 1-43 applicable, imposed by this title or a rule adopted under this
 1-44 title, relating to:

1-45 (A) the Public Education Information Management
 1-46 System (PEIMS) to the extent necessary to monitor compliance with
 1-47 this subchapter as determined by the commissioner;

1-48 (B) criminal history records under Subchapter C,
 1-49 Chapter 22;

1-50 (C) reading instruments and accelerated reading
 1-51 instruction programs under Section 28.006;

1-52 (D) accelerated instruction under Section
 1-53 28.0211;

1-54 (E) high school graduation requirements under
 1-55 Section 28.025;

1-56 (F) special education programs under Subchapter
 1-57 A, Chapter 29;

1-58 (G) bilingual education under Subchapter B,
 1-59 Chapter 29;

1-60 (H) prekindergarten programs under Subchapter E
 1-61 or E-1, Chapter 29;

2-1 (I) extracurricular activities under Section
2-2 33.081;
2-3 (J) discipline management practices or behavior
2-4 management techniques under Section 37.0021;
2-5 (K) health and safety under Chapter 38;
2-6 (L) public school accountability under
2-7 Subchapters B, C, D, F, G, and J, Chapter 39, and Chapter 39A;
2-8 (M) the requirement under Section 21.006 to
2-9 report an educator's misconduct;
2-10 (N) intensive programs of instruction under
2-11 Section 28.0213;
2-12 (O) the right of a school employee to report a
2-13 crime, as provided by Section 37.148; [~~and~~]
2-14 (P) bullying prevention policies and procedures
2-15 under Section 37.0832;
2-16 (Q) the right of a school under Section 37.0052
2-17 to place a student who has engaged in certain bullying behavior in a
2-18 disciplinary alternative education program or to expel the student;
2-19 [~~and~~]
2-20 (R) the right under Section 37.0151 to report to
2-21 local law enforcement certain conduct constituting assault or
2-22 harassment;
2-23 (S) [~~(P)~~] a parent's right to information
2-24 regarding the provision of assistance for learning difficulties to
2-25 the parent's child as provided by Sections 26.004(b)(11) and
2-26 26.0081(c) and (d); and
2-27 (T) the posting of founding documents under
2-28 Section 11.173.
2-29 SECTION 3. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is
2-30 amended by adding Section 28.0111 to read as follows:
2-31 Sec. 28.0111. FOUNDING PRINCIPLES ELECTIVE. (a) Each
2-32 school district and open-enrollment charter school that offers a
2-33 high school program shall provide an elective course on the
2-34 founding principles of the United States that meets the
2-35 requirements for a one-half elective credit under Section 28.025.
2-36 (b) The course must focus on the principles underlying the
2-37 United States form of government, the Declaration of Independence,
2-38 the United States Constitution, the Federalist Papers, and the
2-39 writings of the Founding Fathers of the United States.
2-40 SECTION 4. Section 28.0111, Education Code, as added by
2-41 this Act, applies beginning with the 2020-2021 school year.
2-42 SECTION 5. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails
2-43 over another Act of the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019,
2-44 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted
2-45 codes.
2-46 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-47 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-48 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-49 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-50 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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