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H.B. No. 771

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the inclusion of instruction about bullying and  
3 cyberbullying in the required curriculum for public school  
4 students.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 28.002(a), Education Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 (a) Each school district that offers kindergarten through  
9 grade 12 shall offer, as a required curriculum:

- 10 (1) a foundation curriculum that includes:
- 11 (A) English language arts;
  - 12 (B) mathematics;
  - 13 (C) science; and
  - 14 (D) social studies, consisting of Texas, United  
15 States, and world history, government, economics, with emphasis on  
16 the free enterprise system and its benefits, and geography; and
- 17 (2) an enrichment curriculum that includes:
- 18 (A) to the extent possible, languages other than  
19 English;
  - 20 (B) health, with emphasis on:
    - 21 (i) physical health, including the  
22 importance of proper nutrition and exercise;
    - 23 (ii) mental health, including instruction  
24 about mental health conditions, substance abuse, bullying and

1 cyberbullying, skills to manage emotions, establishing and  
2 maintaining positive relationships, and responsible  
3 decision-making; and

4 (iii) suicide prevention, including  
5 recognizing suicide-related risk factors and warning signs;

6 (C) physical education;

7 (D) fine arts;

8 (E) career and technology education;

9 (F) technology applications;

10 (G) religious literature, including the Hebrew  
11 Scriptures (Old Testament) and New Testament, and its impact on  
12 history and literature; and

13 (H) personal financial literacy.

14 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2021-2022  
15 school year.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.