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H.B. No. 4157

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to science curriculum in public schools.

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

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

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

8 (1) a foundation curriculum that includes:

9 (A) English language arts;

10 (B) mathematics;

11 (C) science, ~~and~~, including the long-term  
12 problem of human-caused climate change and its effects, and  
13 bioregionalism, which allows us to understand our reliance on the  
14 places we live and to appreciate the plant and animal ecosystems,  
15 the watersheds, the landforms and the human cultures connected to  
16 these regions; and

17 (D) social studies, consisting of Texas, United  
18 States, and world history, government, economics, with emphasis on  
19 the free enterprise system and its benefits, and geography; and

20 (2) an enrichment curriculum that includes:

21 (A) to the extent possible, languages other than  
22 English;

23 (B) health, with emphasis on the importance of  
24 proper nutrition and exercise;

- 1 (C) physical education;
- 2 (D) fine arts;
- 3 (E) career and technology education;
- 4 (F) technology applications;
- 5 (G) religious literature, including the Hebrew
- 6 Scriptures (Old Testament) and New Testament, and its impact on
- 7 history and literature; and
- 8 (H) personal financial literacy.

9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.