

Amend **CSSB 8** (senate committee printing), in SECTION 2.002 of the bill, adding Subchapter J, Chapter 29, Education Code, as follows:

(1) In Section 29.368(a), Education Code (page 16, line 65), between "assistance" and "on", insert "and may not be considered to be an agent of state government".

(2) Strike Sections 29.368(b) and (c), Education Code (page 16, line 67, through page 17, line 39), and substitute the following appropriately lettered subsection:

() A rule adopted or other governmental action taken related to the program may not impose requirements that are contrary to or limit the religious or institutional values or practices of an education service provider, vendor of educational products, or program participant, including by limiting the ability of the provider, vendor, or participant, as applicable, to:

(1) determine the methods of instruction or curriculum used to educate students;

(2) determine admissions and enrollment practices, policies, and standards;

(3) modify or refuse to modify the provider's, vendor's, or participant's religious or institutional values or practices, including operations, conduct, policies, standards, assessments, or employment practices that are based on the provider's, vendor's, or participant's religious or institutional values or practices; or

(4) exercise the provider's, vendor's, or participant's religious or institutional practices as determined by the provider, vendor, or participant.