By:  King of Hemphill H.B. No. 1507

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to prohibiting public school programs dedicated to celebrating or providing special instruction regarding a sexual preference; authorizing a fine.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter Z, Chapter 29, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 29.936 to read as follows:

Sec. 29.936.  CELEBRATIONS AND PROGRAMS RELATING TO SEXUAL PREFERENCE PROHIBITED. (a) A school district or open-enrollment charter school shall not organize or host a program dedicated to celebrating or providing special instruction regarding a sexual preference.

(b)  The State Board for Educator Certification shall impose sanctions against a district or school employee who organizes or hosts a program described by Subsection (a) in violation of this section, including:

(1)  a fine of not less than $500 and not more than $10,000;

(2)  termination or suspension of a teacher's permit; or

(3)  any other sanction that the State Board for Educator Certification deems appropriate.

SECTION 2.  This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2023.