By:  Menéndez, Campbell, Paxton S.B. No. 2482

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COMMITTEE VOTE

                    Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Creighton         X

Campbell             X

Bettencourt          X

Birdwell             X

Flores               X

King                 X

LaMantia             X

Menéndez             X

Middleton            X

Parker               X

Paxton               X

Springer             X

West                 X

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2482 By:  Paxton

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a survey of public schools regarding Holocaust Remembrance Week instruction.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter Z, Chapter 29, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 29.90725 to read as follows:

Sec. 29.90725.  SURVEY ON HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE WEEK INSTRUCTION. (a) In this section, "advisory commission" means the Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission.

(b)  The advisory commission, with the assistance of the agency, shall conduct a survey of school districts to review the implementation at each district of Holocaust Remembrance Week instruction under Section 29.9072.

(c)  The survey must request information from at least half of the campuses in a surveyed school district regarding Holocaust Remembrance Week instruction, including:

(1)  the extent to which the campus participates in Holocaust Remembrance Week;

(2)  the familiarity of the educators and administrators at each campus with the materials and resources available from the advisory commission and other local institutions dedicated to Holocaust education to support instruction during Holocaust Remembrance Week; and

(3)  any additional materials or resources the campus would find useful to support instruction during Holocaust Remembrance Week, including professional development for educators, lessons plans, or other classroom resources.

(d)  Not later than December 1, 2024, the advisory commission shall submit to the legislature a written report that includes the survey's findings and any recommendations for legislative or other action.

(e)  This section expires September 1, 2025.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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