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H.B. No. 2273

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2273:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to including an understanding of certain political  
ideologies in the foundation curriculum in public schools.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 28.002(h-1) and (h-6), Education Code,  
are amended to read as follows:

(h-1) In adopting the essential knowledge and skills for the  
foundation curriculum under Subsection (a)(1), the State Board of  
Education shall, as appropriate, adopt essential knowledge and  
skills that develop each student's civic knowledge, including an  
understanding of:

(1) the fundamental moral, political, and  
intellectual foundations of the American experiment in  
self-government;

(2) political ideologies, such as communism and  
totalitarianism, that conflict with the principles of freedom and  
democracy essential to the founding principles of the United  
States;

(3) the history, qualities, traditions, and features  
of civic engagement in the United States;

(4) ~~(3)~~ the structure, function, and processes of  
government institutions at the federal, state, and local levels;  
and

(5) ~~(4)~~ the founding documents of the United States,

including:

(A) the entirety of the Declaration of Independence;

(B) the entirety of the United States Constitution;

(C) the Federalist Papers, including the entirety of Essays 10 and 51;

(D) excerpts from Alexis de Tocqueville's Democracy in America;

(E) the transcript of the first Lincoln-Douglas debate;

(F) the writings of the founding fathers of the United States;

(G) the entirety of Frederick Douglass's speeches "The Meaning of July Fourth for the Negro" and "What the Black Man Wants"; and

(H) the entirety of Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech "I Have a Dream."

(h-6) In providing instruction regarding the founding documents of the United States as described by Subsection (h-1)(5) [~~(h-1)(4)~~], a school district or open-enrollment charter school shall use those documents as part of the instructional materials for the instruction.

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

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.