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H.B. No. 824

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the inclusion of civics instruction in public school
government curriculum requirements for high school students.

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

SECTION 1. Section 28.002, Education Code, is amended by
adding Subsection (h-3) to read as follows:

(h-3) In adopting the essential knowledge and skills for the
government component of the social studies curriculum for high
school students, the State Board of Education shall adopt essential
knowledge and skills to develop each student's civic knowledge,
including:

(1) the role of governmental officials, including:

(A) statewide elected officials;

(B) county officials;

(C) city councilors; and

(D) other local governmental officials;

(2) the voting process and election laws of this
state;

(3) the eligibility requirements to run for elected
office in this state;

(4) Robert's Rules of Order; and

(5) the elected officials who represent the student at
each level of government.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026

1 school year.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.