

1-1 By: Jones of Harris, et al. H.B. No. 824
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Middleton, et al.)
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 14, 2025;
1-4 May 14, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-5 Education K-16; May 25, 2025, reported favorably by the following
1-6 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 25, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Creighton	X			
1-10	Campbell	X			
1-11	Bettencourt	X			
1-12	Hagenbuch			X	
1-13	Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
1-14	King	X			
1-15	Menéndez	X			
1-16	Middleton	X			
1-17	Parker	X			
1-18	Paxton	X			
1-19	West			X	

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to the inclusion of civics instruction in public school
1-23 government curriculum requirements for high school students.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 28.002, Education Code, is amended by
1-26 adding Subsection (h-3) to read as follows:

1-27 (h-3) In adopting the essential knowledge and skills for the
1-28 government component of the social studies curriculum for high
1-29 school students, the State Board of Education shall adopt essential
1-30 knowledge and skills to develop each student's civic knowledge,
1-31 including:

1-32 (1) the role of governmental officials, including:

1-33 (A) statewide elected officials;

1-34 (B) county officials;

1-35 (C) city councilors; and

1-36 (D) other local governmental officials;

1-37 (2) the voting process and election laws of this
1-38 state;

1-39 (3) the eligibility requirements to run for elected
1-40 office in this state;

1-41 (4) Robert's Rules of Order; and

1-42 (5) the elected officials who represent the student at
1-43 each level of government.

1-44 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026
1-45 school year.

1-46 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-47 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-48 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-49 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-50 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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