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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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	AN ACT

- 2 relating to the instructional materials for certain curriculum in
- 3 public schools, including certain instructional prohibitions and
- 4 requirements regarding those materials.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. Section 28.002(h-7), Education Code, is amended
- 7 to read as follows:
- 8 (h-7) The agency shall ensure that each school district or
- 9 open-enrollment charter school teaches civics education as part of
- 10 and adopts instructional materials for the district's social
- 11 studies curriculum in a manner consistent with the essential
- 12 knowledge and skills adopted under Subsection (h-2).
- SECTION 2. Section 28.0022(a), Education Code, is amended
- 14 to read as follows:
- 15 (a) For any course or subject, including an innovative
- 16 course, for a grade level from kindergarten through grade 12:
- 17 (1) a teacher may not be compelled to discuss or use
- 18 <u>instructional materials that cover</u> a widely debated and currently
- 19 controversial issue of public policy or social affairs;
- 20 (2) a teacher who chooses to discuss or use
- 21 <u>instructional materials that cover</u> a topic described by Subdivision
- 22 (1) shall explore that topic objectively and in a manner free from
- 23 political bias;
- 24 (3) a school district, open-enrollment charter

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- 1 school, or teacher may not require, make part of a course, or award
- 2 a grade or course credit, including extra credit, for a student's:
- 3 (A) work for, affiliation with, or service
- 4 learning in association with any organization engaged in:
- 5 (i) lobbying for legislation at the
- 6 federal, state, or local level, if the student's duties involve
- 7 directly or indirectly attempting to influence social or public
- 8 policy or the outcome of legislation; or
- 9 (ii) social policy advocacy or public
- 10 policy advocacy;
- 11 (B) political activism, lobbying, or efforts to
- 12 persuade members of the legislative or executive branch at the
- 13 federal, state, or local level to take specific actions by direct
- 14 communication; or
- 15 (C) participation in any internship, practicum,
- 16 or similar activity involving social policy advocacy or public
- 17 policy advocacy; and
- 18 (4) a teacher, administrator, or other employee of a
- 19 state agency, school district, or open-enrollment charter school
- 20 may not:
- 21 (A) require or make part of a course, including
- 22 the course's instructional materials, inculcation in the concept
- 23 that:
- (i) one race or sex is inherently superior
- 25 to another race or sex;
- 26 (ii) an individual, by virtue of the
- 27 individual's race or sex, is inherently racist, sexist, or

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- 1 oppressive, whether consciously or unconsciously;
- 2 (iii) an individual should be discriminated
- 3 against or receive adverse treatment solely or partly because of
- 4 the individual's race or sex;
- 5 (iv) an individual's moral character,
- 6 standing, or worth is necessarily determined by the individual's
- 7 race or sex;
- 8 (v) an individual, by virtue of the
- 9 individual's race or sex, bears responsibility, blame, or guilt for
- 10 actions committed by other members of the same race or sex;
- 11 (vi) meritocracy or traits such as a hard
- 12 work ethic are racist or sexist or were created by members of a
- 13 particular race to oppress members of another race;
- 14 (vii) the advent of slavery in the
- 15 territory that is now the United States constituted the true
- 16 founding of the United States; or
- 17 (viii) with respect to their relationship
- 18 to American values, slavery and racism are anything other than
- 19 deviations from, betrayals of, or failures to live up to the
- 20 authentic founding principles of the United States, which include
- 21 liberty and equality;
- 22 (B) teach, instruct, or train any administrator,
- 23 teacher, or staff member of a state agency, school district, or
- 24 open-enrollment charter school to adopt a concept listed under
- 25 Paragraph (A); or
- 26 (C) require an understanding of the 1619 Project.
- 27 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026

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- 1 school year.
- 2 SECTION 4. 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.