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S.B. No. 735

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 735:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to Holocaust education and training for public school  
educators and students.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 8, Education Code, is  
amended by adding Section 8.065 to read as follows:

Sec. 8.065. COLLABORATION WITH HOLOCAUST MUSEUMS. Each  
regional education service center shall on a regular basis  
collaborate with one or more of the Holocaust museums in this state  
to expand educator training and classroom education opportunities  
regarding Holocaust education.

SECTION 2. Section 29.9072, Education Code, is amended by  
amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (d), (e), and (f) to  
read as follows:

(a) In this section, "Holocaust" has the meaning assigned by  
Section 448.001 [449.001], Government Code.

(d) Not later than June 1 of each school year, each school  
district and open-enrollment charter school shall submit to the  
agency a report regarding the Holocaust Remembrance Week  
instruction offered by the district or school for that school year  
under this section. The report must include the activities,  
lessons, and instructional materials used for the instruction.

(e) As soon as practicable after June 1 of each school year,  
the agency shall compile all reports submitted under Subsection (d)

1 for the school year and submit the compiled information to each  
2 regional education service center and the Texas Holocaust,  
3 Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission.

4 (f) Not later than 60 days before the first day of the week  
5 designated by the governor as Holocaust Remembrance Week, the  
6 agency shall provide notice to each school district and  
7 open-enrollment charter school of the week to be known as Holocaust  
8 Remembrance Week in public schools, including the instruction and  
9 reporting requirements under Subsections (c) and (d).

10 SECTION 3. Subchapter [2](#), Chapter [29](#), Education Code, is  
11 amended by adding Section 29.90721 to read as follows:

12 Sec. 29.90721. HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE WEEK GRANT PROGRAM.

13 (a) In this section:

14 (1) "Advisory commission" means the Texas Holocaust,  
15 Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission.

16 (2) "Commission" means the Texas Historical  
17 Commission.

18 (3) "Holocaust" has the meaning assigned by Section  
19 [448.001](#), Government Code.

20 (b) From money appropriated, received from gifts, grants,  
21 or donations, or otherwise available for purposes of this section,  
22 the commission, in coordination with the advisory commission, shall  
23 establish and administer a grant program to provide grants to  
24 school districts and museums, centers, and other relevant  
25 organizations in this state to assist in the implementation of  
26 Holocaust Remembrance Week instruction under Section [29.9072](#). The  
27 commission may award a grant for purposes of:

1           (1) developing optional, age-appropriate lesson plans  
2 for classroom teachers who lack relevant subject matter expertise  
3 regarding the Holocaust;

4           (2) sponsoring student field trips to the Holocaust  
5 museums in this state, with priority given to campuses in urban and  
6 rural districts;

7           (3) providing training approved by the advisory  
8 commission for educators and for administrators who manage  
9 professional development and teacher training in each district;

10          (4) cataloging and expanding relevant audiovisual and  
11 digital classroom resources, including resources maintained by  
12 Holocaust museums in this state; and

13          (5) developing, in collaboration with museums,  
14 bilingual curricula to meet the needs of more students in this state  
15 and making the curricula available on the advisory commission's  
16 Internet website.

17          (c) The commission, in coordination with the advisory  
18 commission, shall adopt rules as necessary to establish and  
19 administer the grant program under this section.

20          SECTION 4. Section [29.9072](#), Education Code, as amended by  
21 this Act, applies beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

22          SECTION 5. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
23 of this Act, the Texas Historical Commission, in coordination with  
24 the Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory  
25 Commission, shall establish the grant program required by Section  
26 29.90721, Education Code, as added by this Act.

27          SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.