

1-1 By: Geren, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Campbell) H.B. No. 1291
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2017;
1-3 May 8, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Education; May 16, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0;
1-6 May 16, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-9 Lucio	X			
1-10 Bettencourt	X			
1-11 Campbell	X			
1-12 Hall	X			
1-13 Huffines	X			
1-14 Hughes	X			
1-15 Seliger	X			
1-16 Taylor of Collin	X			
1-17 Uresti	X			
1-18 West	X			

1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1291 By: Lucio

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to the instructional material list and supplemental
1-24 instructional materials and the inclusion of American principles in
1-25 those materials and the public school curriculum.

1-26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-27 SECTION 1. Section 28.002, Education Code, is amended by
1-28 adding Subsection (h-1) to read as follows:

1-29 (h-1) To accomplish the primary purpose stated in
1-30 Subsection (h), the State Board of Education and each school
1-31 district shall ensure that:

1-32 (1) the public school curriculum emphasizes an
1-33 understanding of the principles underlying the United States form
1-34 of government, including the study of the Founding Fathers of the
1-35 United States, the Declaration of Independence, the United States
1-36 Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the Federalist Papers; and

1-37 (2) each historical event addressed in the public
1-38 school curriculum meets a reasonable standard of historical
1-39 significance, in relation to the limited amount of available
1-40 instructional time.

1-41 SECTION 2. Sections 31.023(a) and (b), Education Code, are
1-42 amended to read as follows:

1-43 (a) For each subject and grade level, the State Board of
1-44 Education shall adopt a list of instructional materials. The list
1-45 includes each instructional material submitted for the subject and
1-46 grade level that meets applicable physical specifications adopted
1-47 by the State Board of Education, that ~~and~~ contains material that
1-48 is consistent with the purpose and guidelines of Sections 28.002(h)
1-49 and (h-1), and that covers ~~covering~~ at least half of the elements
1-50 of the essential knowledge and skills of the subject and grade level
1-51 in the student version of the instructional material, as well as in
1-52 the teacher version of the instructional material, as determined by
1-53 the State Board of Education under Section 28.002 and adopted under
1-54 Section 31.024.

1-55 (b) Each instructional material on the list must be:

1-56 (1) free from factual errors;

1-57 (2) suitable for the subject and grade level for which
1-58 the instructional material was submitted; and

1-59 (3) reviewed by academic experts in the subject and
1-60 grade level for which the instructional material was submitted.

SECTION 3. Section 31.035(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, the State Board of Education may adopt supplemental instructional materials that are not on the list adopted under Section 31.023. The State Board of Education may adopt supplemental instructional material under this section only if the instructional material:

(1) contains material covering one or more primary focal points or primary topics of a subject in the required curriculum under Section 28.002, as determined by the State Board of Education;

(2) is not designed to serve as the sole instructional material for a full course;

(3) meets applicable physical specifications adopted by the State Board of Education; ~~and~~

(4) is free from factual errors;

(5) is suitable for the subject and grade level; and

(6) is reviewed by academic experts in the subject and grade level.

SECTION 4. (a) Except as provided by Subsections (b) and (c) of this section, this Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

(b) The changes in law made by this Act to Section 31.023(a), Education Code, apply to instructional materials adopted by the State Board of Education on or after September 1, 2018.

(c) Sections 31.023(b) and 31.035(a), Education Code, as amended by this Act, apply only to an instructional material list or supplemental instructional material adopted on or after the effective date of this Act. An instructional material list or supplemental instructional material adopted before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the instructional material list or supplemental instructional material was adopted, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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