

1-1 By: Bowers (Senate Sponsor - Johnson) H.B. No. 3435
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 23, 2019;
 1-3 April 30, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Education; May 17, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 17, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-7 Taylor | X | | | |
| 1-8 Lucio | X | | | |
| 1-9 Bettencourt | X | | | |
| 1-10 Campbell | X | | | |
| 1-11 Fallon | X | | | |
| 1-12 Hall | X | | | |
| 1-13 Hughes | X | | | |
| 1-14 Paxton | X | | | |
| 1-15 Powell | X | | | |
| 1-16 Watson | X | | | |
| 1-17 West | X | | | |

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to establishing and celebrating Texas Girls in STEM Day.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 662, Government Code, is
 1-24 amended by adding Section 662.071 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 662.071. TEXAS GIRLS IN STEM DAY. (a) March 1 is
 1-26 designated as Texas Girls in STEM Day to celebrate and encourage the
 1-27 participation of girls in this state in fields related to science,
 1-28 technology, engineering, and mathematics.

1-29 (b) Texas Girls in STEM Day shall be regularly observed by
 1-30 appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs in public
 1-31 schools, public institutions of higher education, and other places
 1-32 to:

1-33 (1) encourage girls in this state to consider career
 1-34 fields in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; and

1-35 (2) celebrate and honor the women of this state who
 1-36 have excelled in those fields.

1-37 SECTION 2. Subchapter Z, Chapter 29, Education Code, is
 1-38 amended by adding Section 29.925 to read as follows:

1-39 Sec. 29.925. TEXAS GIRLS IN STEM. In recognition of Texas
 1-40 Girls in STEM Day, each school district may include throughout the
 1-41 month of March appropriate instruction, activities, and programs to
 1-42 encourage and celebrate women in career fields related to science,
 1-43 technology, engineering, and mathematics. The instruction may
 1-44 include programs that profile women in those fields and related
 1-45 fields, including finance, information technology, data analytics,
 1-46 cybersecurity, and health care cloud architecture.

1-47 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-48 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-49 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-50 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-51 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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