

1-1 By: Paxton S.B. No. 204
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 12, 2024; February 3, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education K-16;
1-4 March 17, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0; March 17, 2025,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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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 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 204 By: Parker

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

1-23 relating to a handbook on parental rights in education and training
1-24 requirements on parental rights in education for a member of the
1-25 board of trustees of a school district.

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

1-27 SECTION 1. Section 11.159, Education Code, is amended by
1-28 adding Subsection (b-2) to read as follows:

1-29 (b-2) The State Board of Education shall require a trustee
1-30 to complete training on the rights of a parent regarding the
1-31 education of the parent's child. The state board, with assistance
1-32 from the agency, shall develop the curriculum and materials for the
1-33 training.

1-34 SECTION 2. Chapter 26, Education Code, is amended by adding
1-35 Section 26.0025 to read as follows:

1-36 Sec. 26.0025. PARENTAL RIGHTS HANDBOOK. (a) The agency
1-37 shall create and maintain a handbook that explains all rights of a
1-38 parent regarding the education of the parent's child, including a
1-39 student's rights that the parent may enforce on the student's
1-40 behalf.

1-41 (b) The handbook must be:

1-42 (1) written in plain language;

1-43 (2) updated on an annual basis to reflect any relevant
1-44 changes in applicable law or agency guidance; and

1-45 (3) made publicly available in a searchable format on
1-46 the agency's Internet website.

1-47 SECTION 3. (a) Not later than January 1, 2026, the Texas
1-48 Education Agency shall create the parental rights in education
1-49 handbook required by Section 26.0025, Education Code, as added by
1-50 this Act.

1-51 (b) Not later than April 1, 2026, the State Board of
1-52 Education shall develop and make available the training required by
1-53 Section 11.159(b-2), Education Code, as added by this Act.

1-54 (c) Not later than September 1, 2026, a member of the board
1-55 of trustees of a school district who takes the oath of office before
1-56 January 1, 2026, shall complete the training on parental rights in
1-57 education required by Section 11.159(b-2), Education Code, as added
1-58 by this Act.

1-59 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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