

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

Austin, Texas

May 29, 2021
Date

Honorable Dan Patrick
President of the Senate

Honorable Dade Phelan
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Sirs:

We, Your Conference Committee, appointed to adjust the differences between the Senate and the House of Representatives on SB 1776 have had the same under consideration, and beg to report it back with the recommendation that it do pass in the form and text hereto attached.

Samuel M. Campbell

Carl Allen

Bob Hall

J. J. Hines

Long Park

On the part of the Senate

Steve Pelt

Karl Lee

Coby Harris

On the part of the House

Note to Conference Committee Clerk:

Please type the names of the members of the Conference Committee under the lines provided for signature. Those members desiring to sign the report should sign each of the six copies. Attach a copy of the Conference Committee Report and a Section by Section side by side comparison to each of the six reporting forms. The original and two copies are filed in house of origin of the bill, and three copies in the other house.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

3rd Printing

S.B. No. 1776

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the display of the national motto and the founding documents of the United States in public schools and the inclusion of an elective course on the founding principles of the United States in the curriculum for public high school students.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1.004, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1.004. DISPLAY OF NATIONAL MOTTO AND FOUNDING DOCUMENTS. (a) In this section, "founding documents of the United States" means:

(1) the United States Declaration of Independence;

(2) the United States Constitution; and

(3) Essays 10 and 57 of the Federalist Papers.

(b) A public elementary or secondary school shall ~~[or an institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003 may]~~ display in a conspicuous place in each building of the school a durable poster or framed copy of the United States national motto, "In God We Trust," and the founding documents of the United States if the poster or copy is:

(1) donated for display at the school; or

(2) purchased from private donations and made available to the school ~~[in each classroom, auditorium, and cafeteria].~~

1 (c) A public elementary or secondary school may accept and
2 use private donations for the purposes of Subsection (b).

3 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is
4 amended by adding Section 28.0111 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 28.0111. FOUNDING PRINCIPLES ELECTIVE. (a) Each
6 school district and open-enrollment charter school that offers a
7 high school program shall provide an elective course on the
8 founding principles of the United States that meets the
9 requirements for a one-half elective credit under Section 28.025.

10 (b) The course must focus on the principles underlying the
11 United States form of government, the Declaration of Independence,
12 the United States Constitution, the Federalist Papers, and the
13 writings of the Founding Fathers of the United States.

14 SECTION 3. Section 28.0111, Education Code, as added by
15 this Act, applies beginning with the 2022-2023 school year.

16 SECTION 4. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails
17 over another Act of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021,
18 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted
19 codes.

20 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

Senate Bill 1776
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Section-by-Section Analysis

SENATE VERSION

No equivalent provision.

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 11, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 11.172 to read as follows:
Sec. 11.172. POSTING OF FOUNDING DOCUMENTS. The board of trustees of an independent school district shall permit and encourage the posting in a district classroom or school building of a copy of the founding documents of the United States, including the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, the Federalist Papers, and the writings of the Founding Fathers of the United States.

HOUSE VERSION (IE)

SECTION 1. Section 1.004, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1.004. DISPLAY OF NATIONAL MOTTO AND FOUNDING DOCUMENTS BY PUBLIC ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOLS. (a) In this Section, "founding documents of the United States" means the:

- (1) United States Declaration of Independence;
 - (2) United States Constitution; and,
 - (3) essays 10 and 51 of the Federalist Papers. [FA1,3rd]
- (b) A public elementary or secondary school must ~~or an institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003 may~~ display in a conspicuous place in each building of the school a durable poster or framed copy of the United States national motto, "In God We Trust," and the founding documents of the United States if the poster or copy is:

- (1) donated for display at the school; or
 - (2) purchased from private donation and made available to the school ~~[in each classroom, auditorium, and cafeteria].~~
- (c) A public elementary or secondary school may accept and use private donations for the purposes of Subsection (b). [FA2]

No equivalent provision.

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(a) In this section, "founding documents of the United States" means:

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 - (2) purchased from private donations and made available to the school ~~[in each classroom, auditorium, and cafeteria].~~
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Same as House version.

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SECTION 2. Section 12.104(b), Education Code, as amended by Chapters 262 (H.B. 1597), 464 (S.B. 11), 467 (H.B. 4170), and 943 (H.B. 3), Acts of the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, is reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(b) An open-enrollment charter school is subject to:

- (1) a provision of this title establishing a criminal offense;
- (2) the provisions in Chapter 554, Government Code; and
- (3) a prohibition, restriction, or requirement, as applicable, imposed by this title or a rule adopted under this title, relating to:

(A) the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) to the extent necessary to monitor compliance with this subchapter as determined by the commissioner;

...

~~(W)~~ ~~[(U)]~~ the college, career, and military readiness plans under Section 11.186; and

~~(X)~~ the posting of *founding* documents under *Section 11.172*.

SECTION 3. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 28.0111 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.0111. FOUNDING PRINCIPLES ELECTIVE. (a) Each school district and open-enrollment charter school that offers a high school program shall provide an elective course on the founding principles of the United States that meets the requirements for a one-half elective credit under Section 28.025.

(b) The course must focus on the principles underlying the United States form of government, the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, the Federalist

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~~(X)~~ the posting of *the* documents under *Section 1.004*.
[FA3]

SECTION 3. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 28.0111 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.0111. FOUNDING PRINCIPLES ELECTIVE. (a) Each school district and open-enrollment charter school that offers a high school program shall provide an elective course on the founding principles of the United States that meets the requirements for a one-half elective credit under Section 28.025. *The State Board of Education shall by rule identify the essential knowledge and skills for the course.* [FA4]

(b) The course must focus on the principles underlying the United States form of government, the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, *including*

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No equivalent provision

SECTION 2. Same as Senate version.

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Papers, and the writings of the Founding Fathers of the United States.

SECTION 4. Transition provision.

SECTION 5. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails over another Act of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes.

SECTION 6. Effective date.

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each amendment to that constitution, the Federalist Papers, and the writings of the Founding Fathers of the United States, including a discussion of the reason behind the 3/5 compromise in the U.S. Constitution., including the peaceful transfer of power, and the Native Americans' influence on the founding principles and documents of the United States. [FA5;FA6;FA7;FA2,3rd;FA3,3rd]
() If, for a particular semester, fewer than 15 students at a high school campus of a school district or open-enrollment charter school register to enroll in a course required by this section, the district or school is not required to offer the course at that campus for that semester. [FA1]

SECTION 4. Same as Senate version.

SECTION 5. Same as Senate version.

SECTION 6. Same as Senate version.

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 29, 2021

TO: Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor, Senate
Honorable Dade Phelan, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1776 by Campbell (Relating to the display of the national motto and the founding documents of the United States in public schools and the inclusion of an elective course on the founding principles of the United States in the curriculum for public high school students.), **Conference Committee Report**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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It is assumed that the costs associated with the bill's provisions relating to the inclusion of an elective course on the founding principles of the United States in the curriculum for public high school students and the posting of the founding documents of the United States in public school buildings could be absorbed using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

According to the Texas Education Agency, LEAs could see increased costs associated with training teachers on the founding principles course and with posting the founding documents.

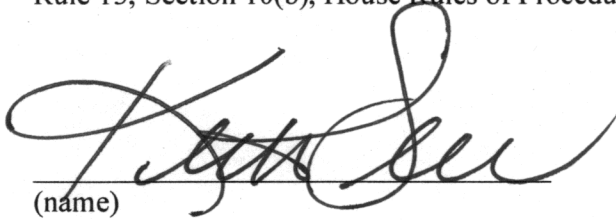
Source Agencies: 701 Texas Education Agency

LBB Staff: JMc, SL, LBO, THO, AH

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Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure**

Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure, requires a copy of a conference committee report signed by a majority of each committee of the conference to be furnished to each member of the committee in person or, if unable to deliver in person, by placing a copy in the member's newspaper mailbox at least one hour before the report is furnished to each member of the house under Rule 13, Section 10(a). The paper copies of the report submitted to the chief clerk under Rule 13, Section 10(b), must contain a certificate that the requirement of Rule 13, Section 6(b), has been satisfied, and that certificate must be attached to the copy of the report furnished to each member under Rule 13, Section 10(d). Failure to comply with this requirement is not a sustainable point of order.

I certify that a copy of the conference committee report on SB 1776 was furnished to each member of the conference committee in compliance with Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure, before paper copies of the report were submitted to the chief clerk under Rule 13, Section 10(b), House Rules of Procedure.


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5/29/2021
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