

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1559, Page 3, Section 43.401, Line 40, by
2 inserting after all of the said section and line the following:

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4 "170.355. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

5 (1) "Parent", a student's parent, guardian, or other person having control or custody of the
6 student;

7 (2) "School", a public school or school district as such terms are defined in section 160.011.

8 2. No school or school employee shall compel a teacher or student to discuss public policy
9 issues of the day without such teacher's or student's consent.

10 3. No school or school employee shall compel a teacher or student to adopt, affirm, adhere
11 to, or profess ideas in violation of Title IV or Title VI of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, as
12 amended, including, but not limited to, the following:

13 (1) That individuals of any race, ethnicity, color, or national origin are inherently superior or
14 inferior;

15 (2) That individuals should be adversely or advantageously treated on the basis of individual
16 race, ethnicity, color, or national origin; or

17 (3) That individuals, by virtue of their race, ethnicity, color, or national origin, bear
18 collective guilt and are inherently responsible for actions committed in the past by other members of
19 the same race, ethnicity, color, or national origin.

20 4. No course of instruction or unit of study offered by any school shall direct or otherwise
21 compel students to personally affirm, adopt, or adhere to any of the ideas listed in subsection 3 of
22 this section.

23 5. No course of instruction, unit of study, professional development, or training program
24 shall direct or otherwise compel teachers to personally affirm, adopt, or adhere to any of the ideas
25 listed in subsection 3 of this section.

26 6. (1) No school employee, when acting in the course of such employee's official duties,
27 shall organize, participate in, or carry out any act or communication that would violate subsection 3
28 of this section.

29 (2) This subsection shall not be construed to prohibit a school employee from discussing the
30 ideas and history of the ideas listed in subsection 3 of this section.

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1 7. This section shall not be construed to prohibit teachers or students from discussing public
2 policy issues or ideas that individuals may find unwelcome, disagreeable, or offensive.

3 8. No school shall require nondisclosure agreements or similar forms for parental review of
4 curricula. Schools shall allow parents to make copies of curriculum documents.

5 9. (1) Students, parents, or teachers may file a complaint with the department of elementary
6 and secondary education regarding any violation of this section.

7 (2) In addition to any relief sought through the appropriate Office for Civil Rights of the
8 U.S. Department of Education, an individual may, in the alternative, bring a private right of action
9 against any school or school employee violating this section."; and

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11 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
12 accordingly.