

Rotunda Report

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Legislative Happenings

Last week I proudly filed House Bill 1057, the Texas Parental Control Accountability Act (TPCAA), which promotes parental control and accountability in regard to sex education instruction in Texas public schools. Working twofold, the TPCAA requires written consent for students participating in any type of sex education instruction from a third party organization other than a faculty or staff member employed by the school district. Secondly, it bans abortion providers and affiliates from providing educational instruction and/or materials on human sexuality in the classroom.

The TPCAA does not seek to revise human sexuality instruction as currently instated in the Texas Education Code; rather, it seeks to restore accountability in the classroom and encourages parental involvement. I believe Texas public schools should not be a marketplace for the abortion industry and taxpayers should not be footing the bill for misguided and ineffective sex education instruction. Furthermore, parents have a right to know when outside groups enter our schools to instruct on such a personal issue such as human sexuality and family planning.

I am proud of the strong support the TPCAA has received, including endorsements from Texas Right to Life, Texas Alliance for Life, Texans for Life, and Texas Values. Joint Authors of the bill include Representative Jodie Laubenberg, Representative Geanie Morrison, Representative James White and Representative Scott Turner. The TPCAA's companion bill, Senate Bill 512, is authored by Senator Ken Paxton, Senator Eddie Lucio and Senator Donna Campbell.

District Spotlight!

This week I proudly recognized two astounding groups of students from the House Floor, from Robinson Middle School and Rice Middle School, both of which were selected to participate in the Texas Music Educators Conference today in San Antonio. These two groups are among 12 selected out of 200 groups across the state to participate in this prestigious choir conference, which is one of the highest honors for a musical organization in the state. I am proud of this astute group of students for their dedication, remarkable talents, and this distinct recognition.



All my Best,

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