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Speak Up to Free Our Schools! Hearing on Thursday

Governor Abbott called a special legislative session that began July 8. One of the 11 topics he declared to be addressed is an expansion of the [new Texas law, HB 3979](#), that censors students and teachers in public schools. The expansion bill is Senate Bill 3. ([See what SB 3 would do.](#))

This Thursday the Texas Senate State Affairs Committee will hear SB 3, the Curriculum Whitewashing Bill, at the Texas Capitol. Individuals and organizations across the state rallied together to oppose HB 3979. It's time to speak up again. Below are four ways you can advocate against SB 3 that attempts to censor the truths of our country and limit students' learning and teachers' ability to teach.

1 Testify in person in Austin

Come testify in person at the Texas Capitol starting at 9:00 am tomorrow.

Registration will take place in person, and those wishing to register must fill out a witness affirmation form and give it to the State Affairs clerk. We will have individuals on-site to assist with the process. See our [infographic for tips on how to testify before the Texas legislature](#).

2 Send in your written testimony

If you want to have your voice heard but cannot make it to the Capitol, write your own [written testimony in this form](#), and TLEEC will submit it on your behalf to the committee.

3 Call the Senate State Affairs Committee

Since the SB 3 hearing is this Thursday, it is important to contact members of that committee by phone. Calls make a huge difference when advocating for these issues. Use our [social media toolkit](#) for phone scripts and numbers to contact the legislators' offices.



Watch the hearing & use the hashtag #TeachtheTruth

[Watch the hearing here](#), to keep up with advocates, students and teachers that are fighting to stop this bill.

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