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H.B. No. 4870

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 4870:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an advanced mathematics program for public school students in middle school.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 28, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 28.029 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.029. MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVANCED MATHEMATICS PROGRAM.

(a) To increase the number of students who complete advanced mathematics courses in high school, each school district and open-enrollment charter school shall develop an advanced mathematics program for middle school students that is designed to enable those students to enroll in Algebra I in eighth grade.

(b) Under the program, subject to Subsection (c), a school district or open-enrollment charter school shall automatically enroll in an advanced mathematics course each sixth grade student who performed in the top 40 percent on:

(1) the fifth grade mathematics assessment instrument administered under Section 39.023(a); or

(2) a local measure that includes the student's fifth grade class ranking or a demonstrated proficiency in the student's fifth grade mathematics coursework.

(c) The parent or guardian of a student described by Subsection (b) may opt the student out of automatic enrollment under that subsection.

1 (d) The commissioner may adopt rules to implement this
2 section.

3 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
4 of this Act, each school district or open-enrollment charter school
5 shall develop the middle school advanced mathematics program
6 required by Section 28.029, Education Code, as added by this Act.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.