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H.B. No. 526

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring coursework in economics for an associate or baccalaureate degree program at a public institution of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.310 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.310. ECONOMICS. (a) In this section, "institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

(b) An institution of higher education may not award an associate or baccalaureate degree to any person unless the person has credit for at least three semester credit hours or the equivalent for a course in economics that dedicates equal time to macroeconomics and microeconomics.

SECTION 2. Section 51.310, Education Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a student who enrolls in an associate or baccalaureate degree program at a public institution of higher education on or after January 1, 2026.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.