

AN ACT

relating to requiring foreign language credit opportunities for students enrolled in study abroad components or programs offered by certain institutions of higher education in this state.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.313 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.313. STUDY ABROAD: FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY.

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

(b) For the purpose of providing the opportunity for students to gain proficiency in a foreign language, an institution of higher education that, through any baccalaureate degree program, offers a study abroad component or program in a location where a language other than English is primarily spoken shall provide, in accordance with rules adopted under Subsection (c), an option that allows a student enrolled in the study abroad component or program to earn foreign language credit as part of that component or program.

(c) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall adopt rules as necessary to implement this section, including rules that:

(1) define the study abroad components or programs to which this section applies; and

1 (2) prescribe the manner in which a student may earn
2 foreign language credit as part of a component or program described
3 by Subdivision (1).

4 SECTION 2. Section 51.313, Education Code, as added by this
5 Act, applies beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2431 passed the Senate on April 24, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 31, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2431 passed the House, with amendment, on May 28, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 76, Nays 60, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor