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H.B. No. 2804

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to school district internship programs in which students  
3 earn local credit for high school graduation by working with  
4 elected government officials.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 28.002(f), Education Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 (f) In addition to courses in the required curriculum, a [A]  
9 school district may offer courses for local credit, including an  
10 internship program in which a student works with an elected local,  
11 state, or national government official [~~in addition to those in the~~  
12 ~~required curriculum~~]. The State Board of Education shall be  
13 flexible in approving a course for credit for high school  
14 graduation under this subsection.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.