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H.B. No. 1216

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to curriculum requirements for the recommended and advanced public high school programs.

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

SECTION 1. Section 28.025(b-1), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b-1) The State Board of Education by rule shall require that:

(1) ~~[except as provided by Subsection (b-2),]~~ the curriculum requirements for the recommended and advanced high school programs under Subsection (a) include a requirement that students successfully complete:

(A) a science and mathematics curriculum that prescribes, among other requirements established by the board, successful completion of four courses in mathematics and four courses in science, from among courses approved for each subject by the board ~~[of the foundation curriculum under Section 28.002(a)(1)]~~;

(B) a career and technology curriculum that prescribes, among other requirements established by the board, successful completion of four career and technology courses, three courses in mathematics, and three courses in science, from among courses approved for each subject by the board; or

(C) a humanities curriculum that prescribes,

1 among other requirements established by the board, successful
2 completion of:

3 (i) courses in English language arts,
4 social studies, languages other than English, and fine arts, from
5 among courses approved for each subject by the board; and

6 (ii) three courses in mathematics and three
7 courses in science from among courses approved for each subject by
8 the board; and

9 (2) one or more courses offered in the required
10 curriculum for the recommended and advanced high school programs
11 include a research writing component.

12 SECTION 2. Section 28.025(b-2), Education Code, is
13 repealed.

14 SECTION 3. Not later than January 1, 2010, the State Board
15 of Education shall adopt rules as required by Section 28.025(b-1),
16 Education Code, as amended by this Act. The rules shall provide
17 that the curriculum requirements for the recommended and advanced
18 high school programs adopted under that subsection apply to a
19 student regardless of the school year in which the student entered
20 the ninth grade.

21 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
25 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.