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H.B. No. 2327

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to approval by the State Board of Education of certain
3 public school courses for use in satisfying mathematics or science
4 course requirements under the recommended and advanced high school
5 programs.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 28.025, Education Code, is amended by
8 amending Subsection (b-1) and adding Subsection (b-3) to read as
9 follows:

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

12 (1) except as provided by Subsection (b-2) or (b-3),
13 the curriculum requirements for the recommended and advanced high
14 school programs under Subsection (a) include a requirement that
15 students successfully complete four courses in each subject of the
16 foundation curriculum under Section 28.002(a)(1); and

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

20 (b-3) On application from a school district, the State Board
21 of Education may approve use of a course offered by the district in
22 the enrichment curriculum under Section 28.002(a)(2) to satisfy
23 curriculum requirements for a mathematics or science course under
24 Subsection (b-1)(1) if the board determines that the course offered

1 by the district in the enrichment curriculum contains academic
2 content substantively similar to and as rigorous as a mathematics
3 or science course in the foundation curriculum.

4 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2009-2010
5 school 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, 2009.