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H.B. No. 4488

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to an alternative graduation plan for students planning to
3 attend certain postsecondary educational institutions.

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

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

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

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

13 (A) four courses in each subject of the
14 foundation curriculum under Section 28.002(a)(1); or

15 (B) a career and technology curriculum that
16 provides a program of rigorous, standards-based coursework
17 designed to prepare students to attend a postsecondary educational
18 institution that primarily offers associate's degrees or
19 certificates or other credentials other than baccalaureate or
20 advanced degrees; and

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

24 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with students who

1 enter the ninth grade in the 2010-2011 school year.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.