

Amend SB 1620 (house committee printing) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in added Section 28.027(b), Education Code (page 2, line 17), following the underlined period, insert:

The State Board of Education may only approve a course to substitute for a mathematics course taken after successful completion of Algebra I and geometry and after successful completion of or concurrently with Algebra II. The State Board of Education may only approve a course to substitute for a science course taken after successful completion of biology and chemistry and after successful completion of or concurrently with physics.

(2) In SECTION 2 of the bill, strike added Section 28.027(e), Education Code (page 3, line 23, through page 4, line 4).

(3) In SECTION 3 of the bill, strike amended Section 28.025(b-2), Education Code (page 4, lines 7 through 21), and substitute the following:

(b-2) In adopting rules under Subsection (b-1), the State Board of Education shall allow a student to comply with the curriculum requirements for a mathematics course under Subsection (b-1)(1) taken after the successful completion of Algebra I and geometry and either after the successful completion of or concurrently with ~~[an]~~ Algebra II ~~[course]~~ or a science course under Subsection (b-1)(1) taken after the successful completion of biology and chemistry and either after the successful completion of or concurrently with ~~[a]~~ physics ~~[course]~~ by successfully completing an advanced career and technical course designated by the State Board of Education as containing substantively similar and rigorous academic content. A student may use the option provided by this subsection for not more than two courses.

(4) In SECTION 4 of the bill, in added Section 61.0517(b), Education Code (page 5, lines 5 and 6), strike "ensure that academic credit for an applied STEM course is freely transferable among all" and substitute "work with institutions of higher education to ensure that credit for an applied STEM course may be applied to relevant degree programs offered by".

(5) In SECTION 4 of the bill, in added Section 61.0517(c), Education Code (page 5, line 9), strike "listing of courses

approved" and substitute "review of courses considered for approval".