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H.B. No. 281

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to physical education credits required for high school  
3 graduation.

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 credits in each subject of the  
14 foundation curriculum under Section 28.002(a)(1), including at  
15 least one-half credit in government and at least one-half credit in  
16 economics to meet the social studies requirement;

17 (B) for the recommended high school program, two  
18 credits in the same language in a language other than English under  
19 Section 28.002(a)(2)(A) and, for the advanced high school program,  
20 three credits in the same language in a language other than English  
21 under Section 28.002(a)(2)(A); and

22 (C) for the recommended high school program, five  
23 and one-half [~~six~~] elective credits and, for the advanced high  
24 school program, four and one-half [~~five~~] elective credits;

1           (2) one or more credits offered in the required  
2 curriculum for the recommended and advanced high school programs  
3 include a research writing component; and

4           (3) the curriculum requirements for the minimum,  
5 recommended, and advanced high school programs under Subsection (a)  
6 include a requirement that students successfully complete:

7                   (A) one credit in fine arts under Section  
8 28.002(a)(2)(D); and

9                   (B) one and one-half credits [~~one credit~~] in  
10 physical education under Section 28.002(a)(2)(C).

11           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.