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S.B. No. 186

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to health and physical education credits required for high school graduation.

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

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

(C) for the recommended high school program, five [~~six~~] elective credits and, for the advanced high school program, four [~~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); and

11 (C) one-half credit in health under Section
12 28.002(a)(2)(B).

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