

Amend HB 2201 (senate committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 28.025(b-2), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(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 the third and fourth [a] mathematics credits [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 Algebra II~~] or the third and fourth [a] science credits [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 physics~~] 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.~~]

SECTION _____. Section 28.027(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The State Board of Education shall establish a process under which an applied STEM course may be reviewed and approved for purposes of satisfying the mathematics and science curriculum requirements for the recommended high school program imposed under Section 28.025(b-1)(1)(A) through substitution of the applied STEM course for a specific mathematics or science course otherwise required under the recommended high school program [~~and completed during the student's fourth year of mathematics or science coursework~~]. 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~~].