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H.B. No. 276

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring a health credit 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, 5-1/2 [~~six~~] elective credits and, for the advanced high school program, 4-1/2 [~~five~~] elective credits;

(2) one or more credits offered in the required

1 curriculum for the recommended and advanced high school programs  
2 include a research writing component; and

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

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

8 (B) except as provided by Subsection (b-11), one  
9 credit in physical education under Section 28.002(a)(2)(C); and

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

12 SECTION 2. Section 28.025(b-1), Education Code, as amended  
13 by this Act, applies only to students entering the ninth grade  
14 during the 2013-2014 school year or a later school year. For  
15 students entering a grade above ninth grade during the 2013-2014  
16 school year, Section 28.025(b-1), Education Code, as that section  
17 existed before amendment by this Act, applies, and that section is  
18 continued in effect for that purpose.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.