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H.B. No. 422

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to career and technology education or fine arts credits
3 required for high school 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, six
23 elective credits and, for the advanced high school program, five
24 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) or one credit in career and technology education
9 under Section 28.002(a)(2)(E); and

10 (B) except as provided by Subsection (b-11), one
11 credit in physical education under Section 28.002(a)(2)(C).

12 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.