

1 AN ACT

2 relating to increasing the courses offered in the career and
3 technology education curriculum.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 28.00222 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 28.00222. INCREASE IN ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AND
8 CAREER-RELATED COURSES. (a) Not later than September 1, 2014, the
9 State Board of Education shall ensure that at least six advanced
10 career and technology education or technology applications
11 courses, including a course in personal financial literacy that is
12 consistent with Section 28.0021, are approved to satisfy a fourth
13 credit in mathematics required for high school graduation.

14 (b) Not later than January 1, 2015, the commissioner shall
15 review and report to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the
16 speaker of the house of representatives, and the presiding officer
17 of each standing committee of the legislature with primary
18 responsibility over public primary and secondary education
19 regarding the progress of increasing the number of courses approved
20 for the career and technology education or technology applications
21 curriculum. The commissioner shall include in the report a
22 detailed description of any new courses, including instructional
23 materials and required equipment, if any.

24 (c) This section expires September 1, 2015.

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

3 (b-2) In adopting rules under Subsection (b-1), the State
4 Board of Education shall allow a student to comply with the
5 curriculum requirements for the third and fourth [a] mathematics
6 credits [~~course~~] under Subsection (b-1)(1) [~~taken after the~~
7 ~~successful completion of Algebra I and geometry and either after~~
8 ~~the successful completion of or concurrently with Algebra II~~] or
9 the third and fourth [a] science credits [~~course~~] under Subsection
10 (b-1)(1) [~~taken after the successful completion of biology and~~
11 ~~chemistry and either after the successful completion of or~~
12 ~~concurrently with physics~~] by successfully completing an advanced
13 career and technical course designated by the State Board of
14 Education as containing substantively similar and rigorous
15 academic content. [~~A student may use the option provided by this~~
16 ~~subsection for not more than two courses.~~]

17 SECTION 3. Section 28.027(b), Education Code, is amended to
18 read as follows:

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

1 substitute for a mathematics course taken after successful
2 completion of Algebra I and geometry [~~and after successful~~
3 ~~completion of or concurrently with Algebra II~~]. The State Board of
4 Education may only approve a course to substitute for a science
5 course taken after successful completion of biology [~~and chemistry~~
6 ~~and after successful completion of or concurrently with physics~~].

7 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2201 was passed by the House on May 9, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2201 on May 23, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2201 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 21, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor