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H.B. No. 2694

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the provision of credit by examination for public
3 school students.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 25.092, Education Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (a-2) to read as follows:

7 (a-2) Subsection (a) does not apply to a student who
8 receives credit by examination for a class as provided by Section
9 28.023.

10 SECTION 2. Section 28.023, Education Code, is amended to
11 read as follows:

12 Sec. 28.023. CREDIT BY EXAMINATION. (a) Using guidelines
13 established by the State Board of Education, a school district
14 shall develop or select for board review examinations for
15 acceleration for each primary school grade level and for credit for
16 secondary school academic subjects. The guidelines must provide
17 for the examinations to thoroughly test comprehension of the
18 information presented in the applicable grade level or subject.
19 The board shall approve examinations that satisfy board guidelines.
20 Each district shall select, if available, at least four
21 board-approved examinations for each subject. If approved by the
22 board, the examinations selected by a district must include:

23 (1) advanced placement examinations administered by
24 the College Board and Educational Testing Service; and

1 (2) examinations administered through the
2 College-Level Examination Program.

3 (b) A school district shall give a student in a primary
4 grade level credit for a grade level and advance the student one
5 grade level on the basis of a board-approved examination for
6 acceleration if:

7 (1) the student scores in the 80th [~~90th~~] percentile
8 or above on each section of the examination;

9 (2) a district representative recommends that the
10 student be advanced; and

11 (3) the student's parent or guardian gives written
12 approval of the advancement.

13 (c) A school district shall give a student in grade level
14 six or above credit for a subject on the basis of a board-approved
15 examination for credit in the subject if the student scores in the
16 80th [~~90th~~] percentile or above on the board-approved examination
17 or if the student achieves a score as provided by Subsection (c-1).

18 If a student is given credit in a subject on the basis of an
19 examination, the district shall enter the examination score on the
20 student's transcript and the student is not required to take an
21 end-of-course assessment instrument adopted under Section
22 39.023(c) for that subject.

23 (c-1) A school district shall give a student in grade level
24 six or above credit for a subject if the student scores:

25 (1) a three or higher on a board-approved advanced
26 placement examination administered by the College Board and
27 Educational Testing Service; or

1 (2) a scaled score of 60 or higher on a board-approved
2 examination administered through the College-Level Examination
3 Program.

4 (d) Each district shall administer each board-approved
5 examination selected by the district:

6 (1) not later than the 30th day after the date the
7 district receives a written request from a student or the student's
8 parent or guardian, if the examination is capable of being
9 administered electronically; or

10 (2) not fewer [less] than three times each [once a]
11 year, at times to be determined by the State Board of Education, if
12 the examination is not capable of being administered
13 electronically.

14 (e) Examinations administered under Subsection (d)(1) may
15 not be administered to a student more than two times each year.

16 (f) A student may not attempt more than two times to receive
17 credit for a particular subject on the basis of a board-approved
18 examination for credit in that subject.

19 (g) If a student fails to achieve the designated score
20 described by Subsection (c) or (c-1) on an applicable examination
21 described by Subsection (c) or (c-1) for a subject before the
22 beginning of the school year in which the student would ordinarily
23 be required to enroll in a course in that subject in accordance with
24 the school district's prescribed course sequence, the student must
25 satisfactorily complete the course to receive credit for the
26 course.

27 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2013-2014

1 school year.

2 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.