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H.B. No. 374

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to requiring State Board of Education approval to offer
3 advanced placement and international baccalaureate courses in
4 public high schools.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 28.0091 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 28.0091. STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVAL REQUIRED TO
9 OFFER CERTAIN COLLEGE CREDIT COURSES. (a) Notwithstanding Section
10 28.009 or any other law, a school district may not offer an advanced
11 placement or international baccalaureate course unless the course
12 has been approved by the State Board of Education as a course that
13 sufficiently provides instruction in the essential knowledge and
14 skills appropriate to the subject and grade level of the course.

15 (b) The State Board of Education by rule shall establish
16 procedures for approving advanced placement and international
17 baccalaureate courses as provided by this section.

18 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2015-2016
19 school year.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.