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H.B. No. 1531

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the sequencing of required English language arts
3 courses in schools.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 28.025(b-2), Education Code, as amended
6 by Chapter 211 (H.B. 5), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular
7 Session, 2013, is amended to read as follows:

8 (b-2) In adopting rules under Subsection (b-1), the State
9 Board of Education shall provide for a student to comply with the
10 curriculum requirements for an advanced English course under
11 Subsection (b-1)(1) taken after successful completion of English I
12 and [7] English II, [~~and English III,~~] for an advanced mathematics
13 course under Subsection (b-1)(2) taken after the successful
14 completion of Algebra I and geometry, and for any advanced science
15 course under Subsection (b-1)(3) by successfully completing a
16 course in the appropriate content area that has been approved as an
17 advanced course by board rule or that is offered as an advanced
18 course for credit without board approval as provided by Section
19 28.002(g-1).

20 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2017-2018
21 school year.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.