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H.B. No. 1705

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to curriculum requirements in American history at
3 institutions of higher education.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 51.302(b), Education Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), a college or
8 university receiving state support or state aid from public funds
9 may not grant a baccalaureate degree or a lesser degree or academic
10 certificate to any person unless the person has credit for six
11 semester hours or its equivalent in American history [~~History~~]. A
12 student must [~~is entitled to~~] submit [~~as much as~~] three semester
13 hours of credit or its equivalent from a course providing a
14 comprehensive survey of American history or [~~in~~] Texas history
15 [~~History~~] in partial satisfaction of this requirement. The
16 remaining three semester hours of credit or its equivalent may be
17 satisfied by credit from any American history or Texas history
18 course. The college or university may determine that a student has
19 satisfied this requirement in whole or part on the basis of credit
20 granted to the student by the college or university for a
21 substantially equivalent course completed at another accredited
22 college or university, or on the basis of the student's successful
23 completion of an advanced standing examination administered on the
24 conditions and under the circumstances common for the college or

1 university's advanced standing examinations. The college or
2 university may grant as much as three semester hours of credit or
3 its equivalent toward satisfaction of this requirement for
4 substantially equivalent work completed by a student in the program
5 of an approved senior R.O.T.C. unit.

6 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
7 the curriculum requirements established for a degree or certificate
8 program offered by an institution of higher education beginning
9 with undergraduate students who initially enroll in the institution
10 for the 2018 fall semester.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.