

By: Taylor of Galveston

S.B. No. 826

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the sequencing of required English language arts courses and mathematics courses in schools.

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

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

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

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

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

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.