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S.B. No. 1827

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a government course for public school students enrolled at the fifth and eighth grade levels.

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

SECTION 1. Section 28.002, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c-3) to read as follows:

(c-3) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules requiring students enrolled in grade levels five and eight to complete at least one semester course on government during those grade levels as part of a district's social studies curriculum. The course must include the essential knowledge and skills adopted for the government course required for high school students under Section 28.025(b-1)(4), adjusted as appropriate for age.

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2018-2019 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 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.