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By:  Goldman H.B. No. 1603

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to successful completion of a United States history dual credit course as an alternative to compliance with the United States history end-of-course assessment requirement.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 39.025, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-6) to read as follows:

(a-6)  A student enrolled in an eligible United States history dual credit course provided through an institution of higher education or a private or independent institution of higher education, as those terms are defined under Section 61.003, is eligible to be exempt from administration of the United States history end-of-course assessment instrument as prescribed by Subsection (a). A student who fails to successfully complete the United States history dual credit course must take the United States history end-of-course assessment instrument. The commissioner shall adopt rules as necessary for the administration of this subsection.

SECTION 2.  This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020 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, 2019.