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H.B. No. 3709

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to curriculum requirements in American and Texas history  
3 at 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 from survey courses in American  
12 History. A student is entitled to submit as much as three semester  
13 hours of credit or its equivalent from survey courses in Texas  
14 History in partial satisfaction of this requirement. The college  
15 or university may determine that a student has satisfied this  
16 requirement in whole or part on the basis of credit granted to the  
17 student by the college or university for a substantially equivalent  
18 survey course completed at another accredited college or  
19 university, or on the basis of the student's successful completion  
20 of an advanced standing examination administered on the conditions  
21 and under the circumstances common for the college or university's  
22 advanced standing examinations. The college or university may  
23 grant as much as three semester hours of credit or its equivalent  
24 toward satisfaction of this requirement for substantially

1 equivalent work completed by a student in the program of an approved  
2 senior R.O.T.C. unit.

3           SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
4 the curriculum requirements established for a degree or certificate  
5 program offered by an institution of higher education beginning  
6 with undergraduate students who initially enroll in the institution  
7 for the 2022 fall semester.

8           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.