

AN ACT

relating to an advanced mathematics program for public school students in middle school.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 28, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 28.029 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.029. MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVANCED MATHEMATICS PROGRAM.

(a) To increase the number of students who complete advanced mathematics courses in high school, each school district and open-enrollment charter school shall develop an advanced mathematics program for middle school students that is designed to enable those students to enroll in Algebra I in eighth grade.

(b) Under the program, subject to Subsection (c), a school district or open-enrollment charter school shall automatically enroll in an advanced mathematics course each sixth grade student who performed in the top 40 percent on:

(1) the fifth grade mathematics assessment instrument administered under Section 39.023(a); or

(2) a local measure that includes the student's fifth grade class ranking or a demonstrated proficiency in the student's fifth grade mathematics coursework.

(c) The parent or guardian of a student described by Subsection (b) may opt the student out of automatic enrollment under that subsection.

1        (d) The commissioner may adopt rules to implement this  
2 section.

3        SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
4 of this Act, each school district or open-enrollment charter school  
5 shall develop the middle school advanced mathematics program  
6 required by Section 28.029, Education Code, as added by this Act.

7        SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

S.B. No. 2124

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2124 passed the Senate on April 27, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2124 passed the House on May 12, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 2, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor