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H.B. No. 1331

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the curriculum requirements for high school students in  
3 public schools.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 28.025(b-1), Education Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 (b-1) The State Board of Education by rule shall require  
8 that the curriculum requirements for the foundation high school  
9 program under Subsection (a) include a requirement that students  
10 successfully complete:

11 (1) four credits in English language arts under  
12 Section 28.002(a)(1)(A), including one credit in English I, one  
13 credit in English II, one credit in English III, and one credit in  
14 an advanced English course authorized under Subsection (b-2);

15 (2) three credits in mathematics under Section  
16 28.002(a)(1)(B), including one credit in Algebra I, one credit in  
17 geometry, and one credit in any advanced mathematics course  
18 authorized under Subsection (b-2);

19 (3) three credits in science under Section  
20 28.002(a)(1)(C), including one credit in biology, one credit in any  
21 advanced science course authorized under Subsection (b-2), and one  
22 credit in integrated physics and chemistry or in an additional  
23 advanced science course authorized under Subsection (b-2);

24 (4) three credits in social studies under Section

1 28.002(a)(1)(D), including one credit in United States history, at  
2 least one-half credit in government and at least one-half credit in  
3 economics, which includes ~~[or]~~ personal financial literacy [~~&~~  
4 ~~economics~~], and one credit in world geography or world history;

5 (5) except as provided under Subsections (b-12),  
6 (b-13), and (b-14), two credits in the same language in a language  
7 other than English under Section 28.002(a)(2)(A);

8 (6) five elective credits;

9 (7) one credit in fine arts under Section  
10 28.002(a)(2)(D); and

11 (8) except as provided by Subsection (b-11), one  
12 credit in physical education under Section 28.002(a)(2)(C).

13 SECTION 2. Section 28.025(b-1), Education Code, as amended  
14 by this Act, applies only to students entering the ninth grade  
15 during the 2025-2026 school year or a later school year. For  
16 students entering a grade above ninth grade during the 2025-2026  
17 school year, Section 28.025(b-1), Education Code, as that section  
18 existed before amendment by this Act, applies, and that section is  
19 continued in effect for that purpose.

20 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026  
21 school year.

22 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
26 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.