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H.B. No. 3344

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to requiring fine arts as part of the foundation
3 curriculum for public schools.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 28.002(a) and (n), Education Code, are
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) Each school district that offers kindergarten through
8 grade 12 shall offer, as a required curriculum:

9 (1) a foundation curriculum that includes:

10 (A) English language arts;

11 (B) mathematics;

12 (C) science; ~~and~~

13 (D) social studies, consisting of Texas, United
14 States, and world history, government, economics, with emphasis on
15 the free enterprise system and its benefits, and geography; and

16 (E) fine arts; and

17 (2) an enrichment curriculum that includes:

18 (A) to the extent possible, languages other than
19 English;

20 (B) health, with emphasis on the importance of
21 proper nutrition and exercise;

22 (C) physical education;

23 (D) ~~fine arts,~~

24 ~~(E)~~ career and technology education;

1 (E) [~~(F)~~] technology applications;
2 (F) [~~(C)~~] religious literature, including the
3 Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and New Testament, and its impact
4 on history and literature; and
5 (G) [~~(H)~~] personal financial literacy.

6 (n) The State Board of Education may by rule develop and
7 implement a plan designed to incorporate foundation curriculum
8 requirements into the career and technology education curriculum
9 under Subsection (a)(2)(D) [~~(a)(2)(E)~~].

10 SECTION 2. Section 28.003(b), Education Code, is amended to
11 read as follows:

12 (b) In this section, "educational program" means a course or
13 series of courses in the required curriculum under Section 28.002,
14 other than a fine arts course under Section 28.002(a)(1)(E)
15 [~~28.002(a)(2)(D)~~] or a career and technology course under Section
16 28.002(a)(2)(D) [~~28.002(a)(2)(E)~~].

17 SECTION 3. Section 28.025(b-1), Education Code, is amended
18 to read as follows:

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

23 (1) four credits in English language arts under
24 Section 28.002(a)(1)(A), including one credit in English I, one
25 credit in English II, one credit in English III, and one credit in
26 an advanced English course authorized under Subsection (b-2);

27 (2) three credits in mathematics under Section

1 28.002(a)(1)(B), including one credit in Algebra I, one credit in
2 geometry, and one credit in any advanced mathematics course
3 authorized under Subsection (b-2);

4 (3) three credits in science under Section
5 28.002(a)(1)(C), including one credit in biology, one credit in any
6 advanced science course authorized under Subsection (b-2), and one
7 credit in integrated physics and chemistry or in an additional
8 advanced science course authorized under Subsection (b-2);

9 (4) three credits in social studies under Section
10 28.002(a)(1)(D), including one credit in United States history, at
11 least one-half credit in government and at least one-half credit in
12 economics, and one credit in world geography or world history;

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

16 (6) five elective credits;

17 (7) one credit in fine arts under Section
18 28.002(a)(1)(E) [~~28.002(a)(2)(D)~~]; and

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

21 SECTION 4. This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020
22 school year.

23 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
25 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
26 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
27 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.