

1-1 By: Morales of Harris, et al. H.B. No. 1504
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Alvarado, West)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 12, 2021;
 1-4 May 18, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-5 Education; May 24, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-6 Yeas 6, Nays 3; May 24, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Taylor	X			
1-9 Lucio			X	
1-10 Bettencourt		X		
1-11 Hall		X		
1-12 Hughes	X			
1-13 Menéndez	X			
1-14 Paxton	X			
1-15 Perry	X			
1-16 Powell	X			
1-17 Schwertner		X		
1-18 West			X	

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to ethnic studies instruction in public schools.
 1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-24 SECTION 1. Section 28.002(a), Education Code, is amended to
 1-25 read as follows:
 1-26 (a) Each school district that offers kindergarten through
 1-27 grade 12 shall offer, as a required curriculum:
 1-28 (1) a foundation curriculum that includes:
 1-29 (A) English language arts;
 1-30 (B) mathematics;
 1-31 (C) science; and
 1-32 (D) social studies, consisting of Texas, United
 1-33 States, and world history, government, economics, with emphasis on
 1-34 the free enterprise system and its benefits, ~~and~~ geography, and
 1-35 ethnic studies, including Mexican American and African American
 1-36 studies; and
 1-37 (2) an enrichment curriculum that includes:
 1-38 (A) to the extent possible, languages other than
 1-39 English;
 1-40 (B) health, with emphasis on:
 1-41 (i) physical health, including the
 1-42 importance of proper nutrition and exercise;
 1-43 (ii) mental health, including instruction
 1-44 about mental health conditions, substance abuse, skills to manage
 1-45 emotions, establishing and maintaining positive relationships, and
 1-46 responsible decision-making; and
 1-47 (iii) suicide prevention, including
 1-48 recognizing suicide-related risk factors and warning signs;
 1-49 (C) physical education;
 1-50 (D) fine arts;
 1-51 (E) career and technology education;
 1-52 (F) technology applications;
 1-53 (G) religious literature, including the Hebrew
 1-54 Scriptures (Old Testament) and New Testament, and its impact on
 1-55 history and literature; and
 1-56 (H) personal financial literacy.
 1-57 SECTION 2. Section 28.025(b-1), Education Code, is amended
 1-58 to read as follows:
 1-59 (b-1) The State Board of Education by rule shall require
 1-60 that the curriculum requirements for the foundation high school
 1-61 program under Subsection (a) include a requirement that students

2-1 successfully complete:

2-2 (1) four credits in English language arts under

2-3 Section 28.002(a)(1)(A), including one credit in English I, one

2-4 credit in English II, one credit in English III, and one credit in

2-5 an advanced English course authorized under Subsection (b-2);

2-6 (2) three credits in mathematics under Section

2-7 28.002(a)(1)(B), including one credit in Algebra I, one credit in

2-8 geometry, and one credit in any advanced mathematics course

2-9 authorized under Subsection (b-2);

2-10 (3) three credits in science under Section

2-11 28.002(a)(1)(C), including one credit in biology, one credit in any

2-12 advanced science course authorized under Subsection (b-2), and one

2-13 credit in integrated physics and chemistry or in an additional

2-14 advanced science course authorized under Subsection (b-2);

2-15 (4) three credits in social studies under Section

2-16 28.002(a)(1)(D), including one credit in United States history, at

2-17 least one-half credit in government and at least one-half credit in

2-18 economics, and one credit in ethnic studies, including Mexican

2-19 American studies or African American studies, world geography, or

2-20 world history;

2-21 (5) except as provided under Subsections (b-12),

2-22 (b-13), and (b-14), two credits in the same language in a language

2-23 other than English under Section 28.002(a)(2)(A);

2-24 (6) five elective credits;

2-25 (7) one credit in fine arts under Section

2-26 28.002(a)(2)(D); and

2-27 (8) except as provided by Subsection (b-11), one

2-28 credit in physical education under Section 28.002(a)(2)(C).

2-29 SECTION 3. Section 28.025(b-1), Education Code, as amended

2-30 by this Act, applies only to students entering the ninth grade

2-31 during the 2022-2023 school year or a later school year. For

2-32 students entering a grade above ninth grade during the 2022-2023

2-33 school year, Section 28.025(b-1), Education Code, as that section

2-34 existed before amendment by this Act, applies, and that section is

2-35 continued in effect for that purpose.

2-36 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

2-37 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

2-38 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

2-39 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2-40 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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