

1-1 By: Campbell S.B. No. 2431
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2025; March 25, 2025, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education K-16;
1-4 April 9, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 10,
1-5 Nays 0; April 9, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to requiring foreign language credit opportunities for
1-22 students enrolled in study abroad programs offered by certain
1-23 institutions of higher education in this state.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 51, Education Code, is
1-26 amended by adding Section 51.313 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 51.313. STUDY ABROAD: FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY.

1-28 (a) In this section, "institution of higher education" and
1-29 "private or independent institution of higher education" have the
1-30 meanings assigned by Section 61.003.

1-31 (b) For the purpose of providing the opportunity for
1-32 students to gain proficiency in a foreign language, an institution
1-33 of higher education or a private or independent institution of
1-34 higher education that, through any baccalaureate degree program,
1-35 offers a study abroad program in a location where a language other
1-36 than English is primarily spoken shall provide an option that
1-37 allows a student enrolled in the study abroad program to earn
1-38 foreign language credit as part of that program.

1-39 (c) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board may
1-40 establish procedures and adopt rules to implement this section.

1-41 SECTION 2. Section 51.313, Education Code, as added by this
1-42 Act, applies beginning with the 2025-2026 academic year.

1-43 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-44 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-45 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-46 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-47 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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