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S.B. No. 1128

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to curriculum requirements in American and Texas history
3 at institutions of higher education.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 51.302(b), Education Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), a college or
8 university receiving state support or state aid from public funds
9 may not grant a baccalaureate degree or a lesser degree or academic
10 certificate to any person unless the person has credit for six
11 semester hours or its equivalent from courses providing a
12 comprehensive survey of [~~in~~] American History. A student is
13 entitled to submit as much as three semester hours of credit or its
14 equivalent from courses providing a comprehensive survey of [~~in~~]
15 Texas History in partial satisfaction of this requirement. The
16 college or university may determine that a student has satisfied
17 this requirement in whole or part on the basis of credit granted to
18 the student by the college or university for a substantially
19 equivalent survey course completed at another accredited college or
20 university, or on the basis of the student's successful completion
21 of an advanced standing examination administered on the conditions
22 and under the circumstances common for the college or university's
23 advanced standing examinations. The college or university may
24 grant as much as three semester hours of credit or its equivalent

1 toward satisfaction of this requirement for substantially
2 equivalent work completed by a student in the program of an approved
3 senior R.O.T.C. unit.

4 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
5 the curriculum requirements established for a degree or certificate
6 program offered by an institution of higher education beginning
7 with undergraduate students who initially enroll in the institution
8 for the 2014 fall semester.

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.