

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to high school graduation requirements for a student who  
3 is unable to participate in physical activity due to disability or  
4 illness.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 28.025, Education Code, is amended by  
7 amending Subsection (b-1) and adding Subsection (b-11) to read as  
8 follows:

9 (b-1) The State Board of Education by rule shall require  
10 that:

11 (1) except as provided by Subsection (b-2), the  
12 curriculum requirements for the recommended and advanced high  
13 school programs under Subsection (a) include a requirement that  
14 students successfully complete:

15 (A) four credits in each subject of the  
16 foundation curriculum under Section 28.002(a)(1), including at  
17 least one-half credit in government and at least one-half credit in  
18 economics to meet the social studies requirement;

19 (B) for the recommended high school program, two  
20 credits in the same language in a language other than English under  
21 Section 28.002(a)(2)(A) and, for the advanced high school program,  
22 three credits in the same language in a language other than English  
23 under Section 28.002(a)(2)(A); and

24 (C) for the recommended high school program, six

1 elective credits and, for the advanced high school program, five  
2 elective credits;

3 (2) one or more credits offered in the required  
4 curriculum for the recommended and advanced high school programs  
5 include a research writing component; and

6 (3) the curriculum requirements for the minimum,  
7 recommended, and advanced high school programs under Subsection (a)  
8 include a requirement that students successfully complete:

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

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

13 (b-11) In adopting rules under Subsection (b-1), the State  
14 Board of Education shall allow a student who is unable to  
15 participate in physical activity due to disability or illness to  
16 substitute one credit in English language arts, mathematics,  
17 science, or social studies or one academic elective credit for the  
18 physical education credit required under Subsection (b-1)(3)(B). A  
19 credit allowed to be substituted under this subsection may not also  
20 be used by the student to satisfy a graduation requirement other  
21 than completion of the physical education credit. The rules must  
22 provide that the determination regarding a student's ability to  
23 participate in physical activity will be made by:


24 (1) if the student receives special education services  
25 under Subchapter A, Chapter 29, the student's admission, review,  
26 and dismissal committee;

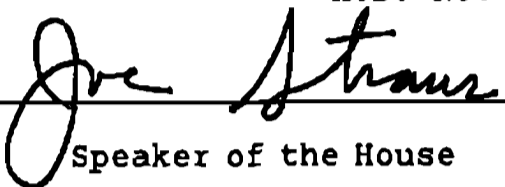
27 (2) if the student does not receive special education

1 services under Subchapter A, Chapter 29, but is covered by Section  
2 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 794), the  
3 committee established for the student under that Act; or

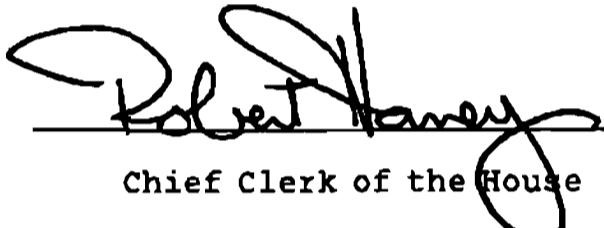
4 (3) if each of the committees described by  
5 Subdivisions (1) and (2) is inapplicable, a committee established  
6 by the school district of persons with appropriate knowledge  
7 regarding the student.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

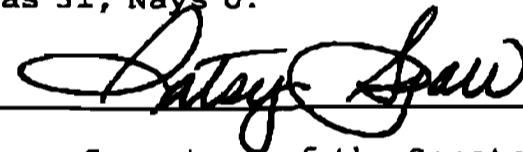
  
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President of the Senate

  
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 692 was passed by the House on April 21, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 148, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

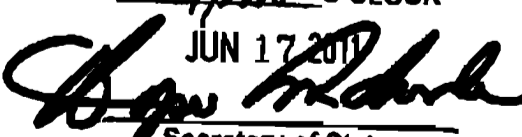
  
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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 692 was passed by the Senate on May 24, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

  
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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 17 JUN '11  
Date

  
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