
DIGEST

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HB No. 589

Abstract: Relative to the high school curriculum that certain students must successfully complete to be eligible for a TOPS Opportunity, Performance, or Honors award, provides (in addition to other curriculum requirements) that beginning with the 2013-2014 school year and thereafter the student must take two units of World History, Western Civilization, World Geography, or History of Religion and take one unit of Fine Arts Survey (or substitute one unit of a performance course in music, dance, or theater, or substitute one unit of a visual art course, or substitute one unit of a studio art course).

Relative to the high school curriculum that certain students must successfully complete to be eligible for an Opportunity, Performance, or Honors award pursuant to the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students:

Present law (in addition to other curriculum requirements) provides that through the 2012-2013 school year, a student must take one unit of World History, Western Civilization, or World Geography and that beginning with the 2013-2014 school year and thereafter a student must take two units from among such courses.

Proposed law (in addition to other curriculum requirements) retains present law requirements through the 2012-2013 school year. Provides that beginning with the 2013-2014 school year and thereafter a student must take two units of World History, Western Civilization, World Geography, or History of Religion.

Present law (in addition to other curriculum requirements) provides that a student must take Fine Arts Survey (one unit or substitute two units of performance courses in music, dance, or theater; or substitute two units of visual art courses; or substitute two units of studio art courses; or substitute one unit as an elective from among the other TOPS curriculum requirements).

Proposed law (in addition to other curriculum requirements) retains present law requirements through the 2012-2013 school year. Provides that beginning with the 2013-2014 school year and thereafter, a student must take Fine Arts Survey (one unit or substitute one unit of a performance course in music, dance, or theater, or substitute one unit of a visual art course; or substitute one unit of a studio art course). Proposed law deletes present law option for the student to substitute one unit as an elective from among the other TOPS curriculum requirements.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:3048.1(A)(1)(e)(intro. para.), (viii) and (x))