

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2019 and 2020 HB2165

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-22

from Ch. 122, par. 27-22

Amends the School Code. With regard to required high school courses as a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma, removes a provision specifying that the 3 years of mathematics must include one year of Algebra I and one year that includes geometry content and may include one year of an Advanced Placement computer science course; makes a conforming change.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning education.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- 4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
- 5 27-22 as follows:
- 6 (105 ILCS 5/27-22) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-22)
- 7 Sec. 27-22. Required high school courses.
- 8 (a) (Blank).
- 9 (b) (Blank).
- 10 (c) (Blank).
- 11 (d) (Blank).
- 12 (e) As a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma,
- each pupil entering the 9th grade in the 2008-2009 school year
- or a subsequent school year must, in addition to other course
- 15 requirements, successfully complete all of the following
- 16 courses:
- 17 (1) Four years of language arts.
- 18 (2) Two years of writing intensive courses, one of
 19 which must be English and the other of which may be English
 20 or any other subject. When applicable, writing-intensive
- courses may be counted towards the fulfillment of other
- graduation requirements.
- 23 (3) Three years of mathematics, one of which must be

Algebra I, one of which must include geometry content, and one of which may be an Advanced Placement computer science course if the pupil successfully completes Algebra II or an integrated mathematics course with Algebra II content.

- (4) Two years of science.
- year must be history of the United States or a combination of history of the United States and American government and, beginning with pupils entering the 9th grade in the 2016-2017 school year and each school year thereafter, at least one semester must be civics, which shall help young people acquire and learn to use the skills, knowledge, and attitudes that will prepare them to be competent and responsible citizens throughout their lives. Civics course content shall focus on government institutions, the discussion of current and controversial issues, service learning, and simulations of the democratic process. School districts may utilize private funding available for the purposes of offering civics education.
- (6) One year chosen from (A) music, (B) art, (C) foreign language, which shall be deemed to include American Sign Language, or (D) vocational education.
- (f) The State Board of Education shall develop and inform school districts of standards for writing-intensive coursework.
 - (f-5) (Blank). If a school district offers an Advanced

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- Placement computer science course to high school students, then
 the school board must designate that course as equivalent to a
 high school mathematics course and must denote on the student's
 transcript that the Advanced Placement computer science course
 qualifies as a mathematics based, quantitative course for
 students in accordance with subdivision (3) of subsection (e)
 of this Section.
 - (g) This amendatory Act of 1983 does not apply to pupils entering the 9th grade in 1983-1984 school year and prior school years or to students with disabilities whose course of study is determined by an individualized education program.
- This amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly does not apply to pupils entering the 9th grade in the 2004-2005 school year or a prior school year or to students with disabilities whose course of study is determined by an individualized education program.
- 17 (h) The provisions of this Section are subject to the 18 provisions of Section 27-22.05 of this Code and the 19 Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act.
- 20 (Source: P.A. 99-434, eff. 7-1-16 (see P.A. 99-485 for the
- effective date of changes made by P.A. 99-434); 99-485, eff.
- 22 11-20-15; 99-674, eff. 7-29-16; 100-443, eff. 8-25-17.)