

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 3278
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Impact:	No Impact

Research Analysis

The floor substitute for HB 3278 requires students to complete certain modified graduation requirements in 8th through 12th grade beginning in the 2025-26 school year. The modified requirements include four units of math, with one being Algebra I and another being either Algebra II or Geometry, and six pathway units that align with each student's Individual Career and Academic Plan. District boards of education must also approve three additional units of any subject. A postsecondary-approved full-time CareerTech program or locally approved science-based application course may satisfy the required physical science unit.

The measure also requires the State Board of Career and Technology Education and State Regents for Higher Education to collaborate with the State Department of Education, adopt a joint plan for ensuring academic expectations, and submit the plan to the legislature. Additionally, CareerTech programs and certain AP computer science courses are no longer required to be approved by the State Board of Education for high school credit.

CHANGES IN FLOOR SUBSTITUTE FROM COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE:

The floor substitute clarifies that students must complete at least 23 of the listed secondary academic units to graduate, decreases the number of pathway units, and adds three required units unaffiliated with a certain subject to be approved by the district board of education. The substitute also removes the three elective course limit for pathway units and other requirements for certain classes to be college-approved to count towards high school credit.

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Fiscal Analysis

As written, the measure is not anticipated to result in a negative fiscal impact on state appropriations or the budget.

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Other Considerations

None.

