

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

Research Analysis

The Senate amendments to HB 3278 add finance to the possible math competencies a student must choose from, require schools to provide the State Department of Education (SDE) with descriptions of the locally approved math and science courses, clarify that the three additional units to be approved by the district must be electives, and remove the effective date.

HB 3278, as amended, 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 elective units of any subject. A postsecondary-approved full-time CareerTech program or locally approved course may satisfy the required physical science or remaining math units.

The measure also requires the State Board of Career and Technology Education and State Regents for Higher Education to collaborate with SDE, 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.

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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.