ATTACHMENT

Statutory Citations Relating to Discussion of Texas High School Graduation Programs

Texas Education Code, §7.102, State Board of Education Powers and Duties (excerpt):

(c)(4) The board shall establish curriculum and graduation requirements.

Texas Education Code, §28.002, Required Curriculum (excerpts):

(a) Each school district that offers kindergarten through grade 12 shall offer, as a required curriculum:

- (1) a foundation curriculum that includes:
  - (A) English language arts;
  - (B) mathematics;
  - (C) science; and
  - (D) social studies, consisting of Texas, United States, and world history, government, and geography; and
- (2) an enrichment curriculum that includes:
  - (A) to the extent possible, languages other than English;
  - (B) health, with emphasis on the importance of proper nutrition and exercise;
  - (C) physical education;
  - (D) fine arts;
  - (E) economics, with emphasis on the free enterprise system and its benefits;
  - (F) career and technology education;
  - (G) technology applications; and
  - (H) religious literature, including the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and New Testament, and its impact on history and literature.

(b) The State Board of Education by rule shall designate subjects constituting a well-balanced curriculum to be offered by a school district that does not offer kindergarten through grade 12.

(c) The State Board of Education, with the direct participation of educators, parents, business and industry representatives, and employers shall by rule identify the essential knowledge and skills of each subject of the required curriculum that all students should be able to demonstrate and that will be used in evaluating textbooks under Chapter 31 and addressed on the assessment instruments required under Subchapter B, Chapter 39. As a condition of accreditation, the board shall require each district to provide instruction in the essential knowledge and skills at appropriate grade levels.

Texas Education Code, §28.025, High School Diploma and Certificate; Academic Achievement Record (excerpts):

(a) The State Board of Education by rule shall determine curriculum requirements for the minimum, recommended, and advanced high school programs that are consistent with the required curriculum under Section 28.002.

(b) A school district shall ensure that each student enrolls in the courses necessary to complete the curriculum requirements identified by the State Board of Education under Subsection (a) for the recommended or advanced high school program unless the student, the student's parent or other person standing in parental relation to the student, and a school counselor or school administrator agree that the student should be permitted to take courses under the minimum high school program.

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

(1) except as provided by Subsection (b-2), the curriculum requirements for the recommended and advanced high school programs under Subsection (a) include a requirement that students successfully complete four courses in each subject of the foundation curriculum under Section 28.002(a)(1); and

(2) one or more courses offered in the required curriculum for the recommended and advanced high school programs include a research writing component.