

**HBOL2310**

**95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
State of Illinois  
2008 and 2009**

Introduced 2/26/09 by Rachel Kortkamp

Synopsis as introduced:

Amends the School Code requires Freshmen entering the school 2010-2011 year to complete four years of Math, Science, and English in order to graduate.

**A BILL FOR**

1 AN ACT concerning Education

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3 The School Code is amended by changing....

4 (105 ILCS 5/27-22) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-22)

5 Sec. 27-22. Required high school courses

6 (e) As a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma, each  
7 (pupil entering the 9th grade in the ~~2008-2009~~ 2010-2011 school year or  
8 a subsequent school year must, in addition to other course  
9 requirements, successfully complete all of the following

10 courses:

11 (1) Four years of language arts.

12 (2) Four ~~Two~~ years of writing intensive courses, one of  
13 which must be English and the other of which may be  
14 English or any other subject. When applicable,  
15 writing-intensive courses may be counted towards the

16 fulfillment of other graduation requirements.

17 (3) Four ~~Three~~ years of mathematics, one of which must be  
18 Algebra I and one of which must include geometry content.

19 (4) Four ~~Two~~ years of science.

20 (5) Two years of social studies, of which at least  
21 one year must be history of the United States or a  
22 combination of history of the United States and American  
23 government.

24 (6) One year chosen from (A) music, (B) art, (C)  
25 foreign language, which shall be deemed to include  
26 American Sign Language, or (D) vocational education.

27 (f) The State Board of Education shall develop and inform  
28 school districts of standards for writing-intensive  
29 coursework.

30 (g) This amendatory Act of 1983 does not apply to pupils

1 entering the 9th grade in 1983-1984 school year and prior  
2 school years or to students with disabilities whose course  
3 of study is determined by an individualized education  
4 program.

5 This amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly does not  
6 apply to pupils entering the 9th grade in the 2004-2005  
7 school year or a prior school year or to students with  
8 disabilities whose course of study is determined by an  
9 individualized education program.

10 (h) The provisions of this Section are subject to the  
11 provisions of Section 27-22.05.

12 (Source: P.A. 94-676, eff. 8-24-05.)

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