

HB 2706 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Finds that, although students are being expected to meet higher academic standards as defined by the essential academic learning requirements, there is still a gap between what is required for high school graduation and the knowledge and skills students need to be successful in college or work. This gap has been confirmed by independent analysis by such organizations as Achieve.

Provides that, to assure that a high school diploma reflects adequate preparation for the intellectual demands of adult life, the legislature intends to create the expectation that all students enroll in a recommended high school program that includes a rigorous curriculum of study in English, mathematics, science, social studies, and an academic or career and technical concentration.

Directs the higher education coordinating board to review minimum admissions standards for four-year institutions of higher education and make recommendations to the legislature by December 1, 2006, regarding when the minimum admissions standards should include completion of the recommended high school program under this act.