

HB 1113 -- NINTH GRADE EDUCATIONAL AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES COURSE

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Beginning in school year 2020-21, every public school, including every charter school, giving instruction in ninth grade must offer a half-unit credit course that meets for 3950 minutes. The course must cover topics related to exploring various career and educational opportunities, as specified in the bill. In addition to the topics covered the course shall focus on career readiness and emphasize the importance of work ethic, communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity. The course shall demonstrate that graduation from a four-year college is not the only path to success and discuss other pathways.

Before January 1, 2018, the State Board of Education will convene a work group regarding the course.