HB 5: Foundation High School Program
Summary/Implications

- **Graduation**
  - 22-credit Foundation Program:
    - Languages Other Than English (LOTE) requirement with special provisions
  - 26-credit Foundation Plan with Endorsement
    - 1 additional Advanced Math (for a total of 4 Mathematics credits)
    - 1 additional Advanced Science (for a total of 4 Science credits)
    - 2 additional Electives (for a total of 7 elective credits)
    - Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)
      - STEM requires: Algebra II, Physics and Chemistry
    - Business and Industry
    - Public Services
    - Arts and Humanities
    - Multidisciplinary Studies
      - All students must indicate, in writing before 9th grade, an endorsement of choice.
      - At the end of their 10th grade year, students may move to the 22-credit Foundation Plan under certain circumstances
  - 26 credit Foundation Plan with Distinguished Level of Achievement:
    - Eligible for Top 10% Automatic Admission to an IHE
    - Requires same courses as Foundation Plan with Endorsements; however, one of the 4 mathematics credits must be Algebra II
  - Performance Acknowledgements

- **Assessment**
  - End of Course exams reduced from 15 to 5: English I and II, Algebra I, Biology, U.S. History
  - Double Testing dilemma
  - Restructuring of STAAR alternate

- **Postsecondary Readiness**
  - Mandatory College Preparatory courses in both mathematics and English language arts
  - Counseling:
    - Elementary, middle school, or junior high school counselors must advise students and parents of the importance of postsecondary education
    - High school counselors must provide annual counseling, to parents and students, related to postsecondary education, including the
advantages of earning an endorsement, performance acknowledgement, and distinguished level of achievement

- **Reporting**
  - Compliance/Student & Community Engagement
  - At-Risk Identification (age 26)
  - Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) reporting
    - Foundation High School Program
    - Distinguished Level of Achievement
    - Endorsement track

- **Moving Forward**
  - Personal Graduation Plan (PGP) process
    - Eighth/Ninth grade students
    - Annual review for high sophomores, juniors and seniors
  - Updating and Adding new pathways
  - Building Partnerships
  - Documentation:
    - Proficiency with professional communication
    - Community and student engagement
  - College Preparatory Courses
    - Partnerships
    - Texas Success Initiative (TSI) readiness/expectations
  - Marketing
    - Sharing news and progress with implementation of the Foundation High School Program
    - New partnerships
  - Increasing/Improving Online Course opportunities
  - Increasing/Improving Dual Credit opportunities
  - Special Education implications for teachers and students