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Substitute the following for S.B. No. 1963:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the reporting by certain public institutions of higher education on the transferability of credit and to a transferability report card for those institutions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 51.4033, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

(a) Not later than August [~~March~~] 1 of each year and in the form prescribed by the coordinating board, each general academic teaching institution shall provide to the coordinating board and the legislature a report describing any courses in the Lower-Division Academic Course Guide Manual or its successor adopted by the coordinating board for which a student who transfers to the institution from another institution of higher education is not granted:

(1) academic credit at the receiving institution; or

(2) if the student has declared a major and has not changed majors, academic credit toward the student's major at the receiving institution.

(c) Each general academic teaching institution shall annually post on the institution's Internet website a transferability report card using the data reported under this section. The report card must:

1 (1) be designed to provide information to students in
2 a concise manner; and

3 (2) include a summary of the data reported under this
4 section.

5 (d) The coordinating board shall:

6 (1) in consultation with general academic teaching
7 institutions, develop a model transferability report card for use
8 under Subsection (c); and

9 (2) post on the coordinating board's Internet website
10 each general academic teaching institution's transferability
11 report card posted on the institution's Internet website under
12 Subsection (c).

13 SECTION 2. Section 51.4034, Education Code, is amended by
14 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read
15 as follows:

16 (a) Not later than August [~~March~~] 1 of each year and in the
17 form prescribed by the coordinating board, each public junior
18 college shall provide to the coordinating board and the legislature
19 a report on courses taken by students who, during the preceding
20 academic year, transferred to a general academic teaching
21 institution or earned an associate degree at the college.

22 (c) Each public junior college shall annually post on the
23 college's Internet website a transferability report card using the
24 data reported under this section. The report card must:

25 (1) be designed to provide information to students in
26 a concise manner; and

27 (2) include a summary of the data reported under this

1 section, including the percentage of courses attempted that were
2 also completed at the college, disaggregated by each category
3 described by Subsection (b).

4 (d) The coordinating board shall:

5 (1) in consultation with public junior colleges,
6 develop a model transferability report card for use under
7 Subsection (c); and

8 (2) post on the coordinating board's Internet website
9 each public junior college's transferability report card posted on
10 the college's Internet website under Subsection (c).

11 SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date
12 of this Act, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
13 develop the model transferability report cards required under
14 Sections 51.4033(d) and 51.4034(d), Education Code, as added by
15 this Act.

16 SECTION 4. (a) Not later than August 1, 2023:

17 (1) each general academic teaching institution shall
18 post on the institution's Internet website the initial
19 transferability report card required under Section 51.4033(c),
20 Education Code, as added by this Act; and

21 (2) each public junior college shall post on the
22 college's Internet website the initial transferability report card
23 required under Section 51.4034(c), Education Code, as added by this
24 Act.

25 (b) Not later than September 1, 2023, the Texas Higher
26 Education Coordinating Board shall post on the board's Internet
27 website the initial transferability report cards as required under

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1 Sections 51.4033(d) and 51.4034(d), Education Code, as added by
2 this Act.

3 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.