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S.B. No. 35

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study regarding credit hour requirements for undergraduate certificate and degree programs at public institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. (a) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall conduct a study to examine the need for and feasibility of developing uniform credit hour requirements for undergraduate certificate and degree programs in any academic field common to two or more public institutions of higher education. The study must include an evaluation of the need for and feasibility of reducing credit hour requirements for programs that exceed typical or traditional credit hour requirements for similar programs.

(b) Not later than September 1, 2006, the board shall report the results of the study to the governing board of each public institution of higher education and to the presiding officer of each legislative standing committee and subcommittee with primary jurisdiction over higher education.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2005.