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H.B. No. 3075

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the transfer of course credit between public and
3 private institutions of higher education.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 61.832, Education Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 61.832. COMMON COURSE NUMBERING SYSTEM. (a) The board
8 shall approve a common course numbering system for all
9 undergraduate [~~lower-division~~] courses offered by a public or
10 private institution of higher education, other than a course that
11 is unique to an institution, to facilitate the transfer of those
12 courses among institutions of higher education by promoting
13 consistency in course designation and identification.

14 (b) The board, with the assistance of advisory committees
15 composed of representatives of public and private institutions of
16 higher education, shall develop as part of the common course
17 numbering system a method for determining equivalencies among
18 courses and assigning equivalent courses the same course number
19 [~~may approve only a common course numbering system already in~~
20 ~~common use in this state by institutions of higher education~~].

21 (c) The board shall cooperate with public and private
22 institutions of higher education in any [~~additional~~] development or
23 alteration of the common course numbering system, including the
24 taxonomy to be used, and in the development of rules for the

1 administration and applicability of the system.

2 (d) A public or private ~~[An]~~ institution of higher education
3 shall include in its course listings the applicable course numbers
4 from the common course numbering system approved by the board under
5 this section. ~~[For good cause, the board may grant to an~~
6 ~~institution of higher education an exemption from the requirements~~
7 ~~of this subsection.]~~

8 (e) An undergraduate student who transfers from one public
9 or private institution of higher education to another shall receive
10 course credit from the receiving institution for each undergraduate
11 course that the student has successfully completed that serves as
12 an equivalent course under the common course numbering system at
13 the institution from which the student transfers, subject to any
14 general policy of the receiving institution to deny credit for
15 courses on the basis of the number of years that have passed since
16 the student completed the course.

17 (f) This section does not apply to a private institution of
18 higher education that:

- 19 (1) does not accept any money from the state; and
20 (2) does not participate in the tuition equalization
21 grant program under Subchapter F.

22 SECTION 2. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies
23 beginning with the 2009 fall semester.

24 (b) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
25 develop the common course numbering system required by Section
26 61.832, Education Code, as amended by this Act, not later than
27 January 1, 2009.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.