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H.B. No. 1737

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the formula funding for public institutions of higher  
3 education for certain credit hours that do not count toward a  
4 degree.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 61.0595(d), Education Code, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 (d) The following are not counted for purposes of  
9 determining whether the student has previously earned the number of  
10 semester credit hours specified by Subsection (a):

11 (1) semester credit hours earned by the student before  
12 receiving an associate or [a] baccalaureate degree that has  
13 previously been awarded to the student;

14 (2) semester credit hours earned by the student by  
15 examination or under any other procedure by which credit is earned  
16 without registering for a course for which tuition is charged;

17 (3) credit for a remedial education course, a  
18 technical course, a workforce education course funded according to  
19 contact hours, or another course that does not count toward a degree  
20 program at the institution; and

21 (4) semester credit hours earned by the student at a  
22 private institution or an out-of-state institution.

23 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section  
24 61.0595, Education Code, applies beginning with the funding

1 recommendations made under Section 61.059, Education Code, for the  
2 2011-2012 academic year.

3           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.