

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 1800  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2009; March 20, 2009, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;  
1-4 April 20, 2009, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; April 20, 2009,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1800 By: Duncan

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to methods for increasing student success and degree  
1-11 completion at institutions of higher education.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is  
1-14 amended by adding Section 61.077 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 61.077. ACADEMIC ADVISING ASSESSMENT. (a) The board  
1-16 shall establish a method for assessing the quality and  
1-17 effectiveness of academic advising services available to students  
1-18 at each institution of higher education. In establishing the  
1-19 method of assessment, the board shall consult with representatives  
1-20 from institutions of higher education, including academic advisors  
1-21 and other professionals the board considers appropriate.

1-22 (b) The method of assessment established under this section  
1-23 must:

1-24 (1) include the use of student surveys; and  
1-25 (2) identify objective, quantifiable measures for  
1-26 determining the quality and effectiveness of academic advising  
1-27 services at an institution of higher education.

1-28 (c) Not later than September 1, 2010, the board shall  
1-29 establish a method of assessment as required by this section. This  
1-30 subsection expires October 1, 2010.

1-31 SECTION 2. Subchapter S, Chapter 61, Education Code, is  
1-32 amended by adding Section 61.8221 to read as follows:

1-33 Sec. 61.8221. COURSE TRANSFER STUDY. (a) The board shall  
1-34 establish and direct a committee of representatives from public and  
1-35 private two-year and four-year institutions of higher education and  
1-36 degree-granting career schools or colleges to study and make  
1-37 recommendations regarding the transferability of courses in the  
1-38 core curriculum between degree-granting career schools or colleges  
1-39 and public and private institutions of higher education. Not later  
1-40 than January 1, 2011, the board shall report the recommendations to  
1-41 the chair of each standing committee of the legislature with  
1-42 primary jurisdiction over higher education.

1-43 (b) This section expires September 1, 2011.

1-44 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-45 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-46 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-47 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-48 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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