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S.B. No. 2210

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the formula funding for public institutions of higher education for certain credit hours that do not count toward a degree.

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

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

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

(1) semester credit hours earned by the student before receiving a baccalaureate degree that has previously been awarded to the student;

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

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

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

(5) in addition to semester credit hours excluded under another provision of this subsection, not more than 30

1 semester credit hours earned through one or more dual credit  
2 courses for which the student received credit toward a high school  
3 diploma, if those courses are identified by the board as  
4 lower-division courses appropriate for general academic transfer  
5 between institutions of higher education.

6 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section  
7 61.0595, Education Code, applies beginning with the funding  
8 recommendations made under Section 61.059, Education Code, for the  
9 2011-2012 academic year.

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