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H.B. No. 808

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the identification of courses included in the common course numbering system to be offered by and the transferability of those courses among public institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 61.052(a) and (b), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Each governing board shall submit to the board once each year on dates designated by the board a comprehensive list by department, division, and school of all courses, together with a description of content, scope, and prerequisites of all these courses, that will be offered by each institution under the supervision of that governing board during the following academic year. The list for each institution must also specifically identify any course included in the common course numbering system under Section 61.832 that has been added to or removed from the institution's list for the current academic year, and the board shall distribute that information as necessary to accomplish the purposes of Section 61.832.

(b) After the comprehensive list of courses is submitted by a governing board under Subsection (a) of this section, the governing board shall submit on dates designated by the board any changes in the comprehensive list of courses to be offered, including any changes relating to offering a course included in the

1 common course numbering system.

2 SECTION 2. Section 61.832, Education Code, is amended by
3 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

4 (e) A student who transfers from one institution of higher
5 education to another shall receive academic credit from the
6 receiving institution for each course that the student has
7 successfully completed that serves as an equivalent course under
8 the common course numbering system at the institution from which
9 the student transfers.

10 SECTION 3. (a) Sections 61.052(a) and (b), Education Code,
11 as amended by this Act, apply to the comprehensive lists of courses
12 offered by public institutions of higher education beginning with
13 lists required to be submitted for the 2012-2013 academic year.

14 (b) Section 61.832(e), Education Code, as added by this Act,
15 applies beginning with the 2011 fall semester.

16 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.