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S.B. No. 1728

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a requirement that developmental coursework required
3 for entering undergraduate students at four-year public
4 institutions of higher education be completed at a public junior
5 college.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 51.3062, Education Code, is amended by
8 adding Subsection (i-2) and amending Subsections (l) and (m) to
9 read as follows:

10 (i-2) A general academic teaching institution that refers a
11 student to developmental coursework under Subsection (i) must
12 require the student, before enrolling in any coursework at the
13 institution, to complete the developmental coursework at a public
14 junior college rather than at the institution. If the student was
15 admitted to the general academic teaching institution under
16 Subchapter U, the student is eligible to enroll in the institution
17 when the student successfully completes the developmental
18 coursework.

19 (1) The legislature shall appropriate money to public
20 junior colleges, public technical institutes, and public state
21 colleges for approved non-degree-credit developmental courses,
22 except that legislative appropriations may not be used for
23 developmental coursework taken by a student in excess of ~~[+~~

24 [~~(1) 18 semester credit hours, for a general academic~~

1 ~~teaching institution, and~~
2 ~~[(2)]~~ 27 semester [~~credit~~] hours~~[, for a public junior~~
3 ~~college, public technical institute, or public state college]~~.

4 (m) The board may develop formulas to supplement the funding
5 of developmental academic programs by institutions of higher
6 education other than general academic teaching institutions,
7 including formulas for supplementing the funding of
8 non-course-based programs. The board may develop a performance
9 funding formula by which those institutions may receive additional
10 funding for each student who completes the Success Initiative
11 established under this section and then successfully completes
12 college coursework. The legislature may appropriate the money
13 required to provide the additional funding under those formulas.

14 SECTION 2. A general academic teaching institution shall
15 transfer to the applicable public junior college any funding
16 received by the institution in the state fiscal biennium ending
17 August 31, 2013, for services rendered by the public junior college
18 under Section 51.3062(i-2), Education Code, as added by this Act,
19 to a student enrolled in the general academic teaching institution.

20 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies
21 beginning with entering undergraduate students at general academic
22 teaching institutions for the 2012 fall semester. A student who
23 enters a general academic teaching institution before the 2012 fall
24 semester is covered by the law in effect immediately before the
25 effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in
26 effect for that purpose.

27 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.