

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Kel Seliger, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** SB1509 by Seliger (Relating to college readiness and success.), As Introduced

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill amends Section 61, Education Code, to include college readiness standards to the definition of "applied STEM courses". It adds the phrase "or identify" programs as part of implementing the college readiness and success strategic action plan. The bill also modifies statute as it relates to applying credit earned by a student at a general academic teaching institution to an associate's degree at a lower-division institution of higher education previously attended by the student. Under provisions of the bill the cumulative total number of credit hours for course work successfully completed by the student would be lowered from 90 to 66. Provisions of the bill would be absorbed within existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 758 Texas State University System, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 783 University of Houston System Administration

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