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H.B. No. 123

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to excess undergraduate credit hours at public institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Section 61.0595(d), 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;

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

(5) semester credit hours earned by the student before graduating from high school and used to satisfy high school graduation requirements; and

1           (6) not more than 20 semester credit hours earned by  
2 the student in working toward an associate's degree awarded to the  
3 student that do not count toward the baccalaureate degree program  
4 in which the student is enrolled.

5           SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section  
6 61.0595, Education Code, applies beginning with the funding  
7 recommendations made under Section 61.059, Education Code, for the  
8 2017-2018 academic year.

9           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.