

SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Clardy

H.B. No. 1583

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to block scheduling for certain associate degree and certificate programs at public junior colleges.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 130, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 130.0095 to read as follows:

Sec. 130.0095. BLOCK SCHEDULING FOR CERTAIN ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM. (a) To facilitate timely degree completion by students at public junior colleges, each public junior college shall establish, for each allied health or nursing associate degree or certificate program offered by the college and for at least 50 percent of the career and technology associate degree or certificate programs offered by the college, a block schedule curriculum under which:

(1) courses required for a student's enrollment in the program as a full-time student are offered each semester in scheduled blocks, such as a morning, full-day, afternoon, evening, or weekend block schedule, designed to provide scheduling predictability from semester to semester to students enrolled in the program; and

(2) students may enroll in an entire block schedule curriculum offered under the program in a semester, rather than enrolling in individual courses leading toward the degree or certificate.

1 (b) Each public junior college shall publish in advance of
2 each semester the available block schedule curricula for each
3 associate degree or certificate program described by Subsection (a)
4 offered by the college for that semester.

5 (c) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board may adopt
6 rules as necessary for the administration of this section.

7 SECTION 2. Section 130.0095, Education Code, as added by
8 this Act, applies beginning with the 2016 fall semester.

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.

ADOPTED

MAY 27 2015

Atty. Gen. Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

By: *Zaffirini*

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Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1583:

By: *Paul Bellerant*

C.S. H.B. No. 1583

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8 DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM. (a) To facilitate timely degree
9 completion by students at public junior colleges, from among the
10 allied health, nursing, and career and technology associate degree
11 or certificate programs offered by a public junior college, the
12 college shall establish, for at least five of those programs not
13 previously offered as a block schedule curriculum, a block schedule
14 curriculum under which:

15 (1) courses required for a student's enrollment in the
16 program as a full-time student are offered each semester in
17 scheduled blocks, such as a morning, full-day, afternoon, evening,
18 or weekend block schedule, designed to provide scheduling
19 predictability from semester to semester to students enrolled in
20 the program; and

21 (2) students may enroll in an entire block schedule
22 curriculum offered under the program in a semester, rather than
23 enrolling in individual courses leading toward the degree or
24 certificate.

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2 each semester the available block schedule curricula for each
3 associate degree or certificate program described by Subsection (a)
4 offered by the college for that semester.

5 (c) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in
6 consultation with public junior colleges, shall adopt rules as
7 necessary for the administration of this section, including rules
8 prescribing a process by which a public junior college may petition
9 the coordinating board for an exception to the number of programs
10 for which a block schedule curriculum is required by Subsection (a)
11 on demonstration of hardship.

12 (d) Not later than November 1, 2018, the Texas Higher
13 Education Coordinating Board shall submit to the governor and
14 legislature a detailed report on the effectiveness of block
15 scheduling under this section and any related recommendations for
16 legislative or other action.

17 (e) This section expires August 1, 2019.

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 28, 2015

TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1583 by Clardy (Relating to block scheduling for certain associate degree and certificate programs at public junior colleges.), **As Passed 2nd House**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would require each public junior college to establish a block schedule curriculum for at least five programs in allied health, nursing, or career technology that were previously not offered as a block schedule curriculum and publish the available block schedule curricula offered by the college prior to the beginning of the semester. The bill would require Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature on the effectiveness of block scheduling and any related recommendations before November 1, 2018.

Based on information provided by the THECB, providing block scheduling for certain programs may lead to greater enrollment in those community college programs, resulting in additional contact hours and success points. This may result in an additional cost to General Revenue due to increased formula costs for community colleges beginning in fiscal year 2018, however, the potential increase in contact hours and the resulting formula funding cost is unknown.

It is assumed that any additional costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed by THECB within existing agency resources.

Local Government Impact

Based on information provided by a sample of public junior colleges, any costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

Source Agencies: 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

LBB Staff: UP, SD, EMu, DEH, ED

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 22, 2015

TO: Honorable Kel Seliger, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB1583** by Clardy (Relating to block scheduling for certain associate degree and certificate programs at public junior colleges.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require each public junior college to establish a block schedule curriculum for at least five programs in allied health, nursing, or career technology that were previously not offered as a block schedule curriculum and publish the available block schedule curricula offered by the college prior to the beginning of the semester. The bill would require Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature on the effectiveness of block scheduling and any related recommendations before November 1, 2018.

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 8, 2015

TO: Honorable Kel Seliger, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB1583** by Clardy (Relating to block scheduling for certain associate degree and certificate programs at public junior colleges.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require each public junior college to establish a block schedule curriculum for each allied health or nursing associate degree or certificate program and at least 50 percent of the career and technology associate degree or certificate programs offered by the college and publish the available block schedule curricula offered by the college prior to the beginning of the semester.

Based on information provided by the Higher Education Coordinating Board, providing block scheduling for certain programs may lead to greater enrollment in those community college programs, resulting in additional contact hours and success points. This may result in an additional cost to General Revenue due to increased formula costs for community colleges beginning in fiscal year 2018, however, the potential increase in contact hours and the resulting formula funding cost is unknown.

Local Government Impact

Based on information provided by Dallas County Community College and Tyler Junior College, any costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

Source Agencies: 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

LBB Staff: UP, EMu, DEH, ED

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 3, 2015

TO: Honorable John Zerwas, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1583 by Clardy (Relating to block scheduling for certain associate degree and certificate programs at public junior colleges.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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The bill would require each public junior college to establish a block schedule curriculum for each career and technology, allied health, or nursing associate degree or certificate program offered by the college. The bill would require each public junior college to publish the available block schedule curricula for each career and technology, allied health, or nursing associate degree or certificate program offered by the college prior to the beginning of the semester.

Based on information provided by the Higher Education Coordinating Board, providing block scheduling for certain programs may lead to greater enrollment in those community college programs, resulting in additional contact hours and success points. This may result in an additional cost to General Revenue due to increased formula costs for community colleges beginning in fiscal year 2018, however, the potential increase in contact hours and the resulting formula funding cost is unknown.

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LBB Staff: UP, EMu, DEH, ED

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 24, 2015

TO: Honorable John Zerwas, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1583 by Clardy (Relating to block scheduling for associate degree and certificate programs at public junior colleges.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require each public junior college to establish a block schedule curriculum for each associate degree or certificate program offered by the college. The bill would require each public junior college to publish the available block schedule curricula for each associate degree or certificate program offered by the college prior to the beginning of the semester.

Based on information provided by the Higher Education Coordinating Board, providing block scheduling for all programs may lead to greater enrollment in community college programs, resulting in additional contact hours and success points. This may result in an additional cost to General Revenue due to increased formula costs for community colleges beginning in fiscal year 2018, however, the potential increase in contact hours and the resulting formula funding cost is unknown.

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