Amend **CSSB 1782** (house committee report) as follows:

(1)   On page 1, line 17, between "enrollment" and "covering", insert "from the institution or another institution of higher education".

(2)   On page 1, line 21, strike "the institution" and substitute "an institution of higher education".

(3)   Strike SECTION 2 of the bill (page 1, line 23, through page 2, line 7).

(4)   Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill:

SECTION ____.   Section 61.059, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (r) to read as follows:

(r)   Notwithstanding any other law, the board may not exclude from the number of semester credit hours reported to the Legislative Budget Board for formula funding under this section semester credit hours for any course taken up to three times by a student who:

(1)   has reenrolled at an institution of higher education following a break in enrollment from the institution or another institution of higher education covering the 24-month period preceding the first class day of the initial semester or other academic term of the student's reenrollment; and

(2)   successfully completed at least 50 semester credit hours of course work at an institution of higher education before that break in enrollment.

(5)   On page 2, line 9, strike "adding Subsection (f-1)" and substitute "amending Subsection (d)".

(6)   Strike page 2, lines 10 through 20, and substitute the following:

(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

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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

        (6) the first additional 15 semester credit hours earned toward a degree program by a student who:

        (A) has reenrolled at an institution of higher education following a break in enrollment from the institution or another institution of higher education covering the 24-month period preceding the first class day of the initial semester or other academic term of the student's reenrollment; and

        (B) successfully completed at least 50 semester credit hours of course work at an institution of higher education before that break in enrollment.

    (7) Strike page 2, lines 21 and 22, and substitute the following appropriately numbered SECTION:

    SECTION _____. (a) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall adopt the rules required by Section 51.907(e-1), Education Code, as added by this Act, not later than June 1, 2018.

    (b) The change in law made by this Act to Section 51.907, Education Code, applies beginning with the 2018 fall semester.

    (8) On page 2, lines 23 and 24, strike "Section 61.0595," and substitute "Sections 61.059 and 61.0595,".

    (9) Renumber the SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.