

By: Clardy, Rodriguez of Bexar

H.B. No. 655

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the filing of a degree plan by students at public junior
3 colleges.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 51.9685(a)(2), Education Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (2) "Institution of higher education" and "public
8 junior college" have [~~has~~] the meanings [~~meaning~~] assigned by
9 Section 61.003.

10 SECTION 2. Section 51.9685, Education Code, is amended by
11 adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

12 (c-1) Notwithstanding Subsections (b) and (c), a student
13 enrolled in an associate or bachelor's degree program at a public
14 junior college shall file a degree plan with the college not later
15 than:

16 (1) the end of the second regular semester or term
17 immediately following the semester or term in which the student
18 earned a cumulative total of 30 or more semester credit hours of
19 course credit for courses described by Subsection (b); or

20 (2) if the student begins the student's first semester
21 or term at the college with 30 or more semester credit hours of
22 course credit for courses described by Subsection (b), the end of
23 the student's second regular semester or term at the college.

24 SECTION 3. Section 51.9685(c-1), Education Code, as added

1 by this Act, applies beginning with students who initially enroll
2 in a public junior college for the 2018 fall semester.

3 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.