

1-1 By: Clardy, Rodriguez of Bexar H.B. No. 655
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 27, 2017;
 1-4 May 3, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher
 1-5 Education; May 12, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-6 Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 12, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Seliger	X			
1-9 West	X			
1-10 Bettencourt			X	
1-11 Buckingham	X			
1-12 Menéndez	X			
1-13 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-14 Watson	X			

1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to the filing of a degree plan by students at public junior
 1-19 colleges.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Section 51.9685(a)(2), Education Code, is
 1-22 amended to read as follows:

1-23 (2) "Institution of higher education" and "public
 1-24 junior college" have ~~has~~ the meanings ~~[meaning]~~ assigned by
 1-25 Section 61.003.

1-26 SECTION 2. Section 51.9685, Education Code, is amended by
 1-27 adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

1-28 (c-1) Notwithstanding Subsections (b) and (c), a student
 1-29 enrolled in an associate or bachelor's degree program at a public
 1-30 junior college shall file a degree plan with the college not later
 1-31 than:

1-32 (1) the end of the second regular semester or term
 1-33 immediately following the semester or term in which the student
 1-34 earned a cumulative total of 30 or more semester credit hours of
 1-35 course credit for courses described by Subsection (b); or

1-36 (2) if the student begins the student's first semester
 1-37 or term at the college with 30 or more semester credit hours of
 1-38 course credit for courses described by Subsection (b), the end of
 1-39 the student's second regular semester or term at the college.

1-40 SECTION 3. Section 51.9685(c-1), Education Code, as added
 1-41 by this Act, applies beginning with students who initially enroll
 1-42 in a public junior college for the 2018 fall semester.

1-43 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-44 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-45 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-46 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-47 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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