

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 1782  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2017; March 23, 2017, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;  
 1-4 April 24, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; April 24, 2017,  
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1782 By: West

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the elimination of certain formula funding and dropped  
 1-20 course restrictions for returning adult students at public  
 1-21 institutions of higher education.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 51.907, Education Code, is amended by  
 1-24 adding Subsection (e-1) to read as follows:

1-25 (e-1) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall  
 1-26 adopt rules under which an institution of higher education shall  
 1-27 permit a student to drop one additional course under circumstances  
 1-28 described by Subsection (b) than the number of courses permitted to  
 1-29 be dropped under Subsection (c) or under a policy adopted under  
 1-30 Subsection (d) if the student:

1-31 (1) has reenrolled at the institution following a  
 1-32 break in enrollment from the institution or another institution of  
 1-33 higher education covering the 24-month period preceding the first  
 1-34 class day of the initial semester or other academic term of the  
 1-35 student's reenrollment; and

1-36 (2) successfully completed at least 50 semester credit  
 1-37 hours of course work at an institution of higher education before  
 1-38 that break in enrollment.

1-39 SECTION 2. Section 61.059, Education Code, is amended by  
 1-40 adding Subsection (r) to read as follows:

1-41 (r) Notwithstanding any other law, the board may not exclude  
 1-42 from the number of semester credit hours reported to the  
 1-43 Legislative Budget Board for formula funding under this section  
 1-44 semester credit hours for any course taken up to three times by a  
 1-45 student who:

1-46 (1) has reenrolled at an institution of higher  
 1-47 education following a break in enrollment from the institution or  
 1-48 another institution of higher education covering the 24-month  
 1-49 period preceding the first class day of the initial semester or  
 1-50 other academic term of the student's reenrollment; and

1-51 (2) successfully completed at least 50 semester credit  
 1-52 hours of course work at an institution of higher education before  
 1-53 that break in enrollment.

1-54 SECTION 3. Section 61.0595(d), Education Code, is amended  
 1-55 to read as follows:

1-56 (d) The following are not counted for purposes of  
 1-57 determining whether the student has previously earned the number of  
 1-58 semester credit hours specified by Subsection (a):

1-59 (1) semester credit hours earned by the student before  
 1-60 receiving a baccalaureate degree that has previously been awarded

2-1 to the student;  
2-2 (2) semester credit hours earned by the student by  
2-3 examination or under any other procedure by which credit is earned  
2-4 without registering for a course for which tuition is charged;

2-5 (3) credit for a remedial education course, a  
2-6 technical course, a workforce education course funded according to  
2-7 contact hours, or another course that does not count toward a degree  
2-8 program at the institution;

2-9 (4) semester credit hours earned by the student at a  
2-10 private institution or an out-of-state institution; ~~and~~

2-11 (5) semester credit hours earned by the student before  
2-12 graduating from high school and used to satisfy high school  
2-13 graduation requirements; and

2-14 (6) the first additional 15 semester credit hours  
2-15 earned toward a degree program by a student who:

2-16 (A) has reenrolled at an institution of higher  
2-17 education following a break in enrollment from the institution or  
2-18 another institution of higher education covering the 24-month  
2-19 period preceding the first class day of the initial semester or  
2-20 other academic term of the student's reenrollment; and

2-21 (B) successfully completed at least 50 semester  
2-22 credit hours of course work at an institution of higher education  
2-23 before that break in enrollment.

2-24 SECTION 4. (a) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating  
2-25 Board shall adopt the rules required by Section 51.907(e-1),  
2-26 Education Code, as added by this Act, not later than June 1, 2018.

2-27 (b) The change in law made by this Act to Section 51.907,  
2-28 Education Code, applies beginning with the 2018 fall semester.

2-29 SECTION 5. The changes in law made by this Act to Sections  
2-30 61.059 and 61.0595, Education Code, apply beginning with funding  
2-31 recommendations made under Section 61.059, Education Code, for the  
2-32 state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2019.

2-33 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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