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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the inclusion of transfer pathways in the guidelines addressing transfer practices published by general academic teaching institutions.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 61.830, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 61.830.  PUBLICATION OF GUIDELINES ADDRESSING TRANSFER PRACTICES. (a) In the institution's [~~its~~] course catalogs and on the institution's Internet [~~its~~] website, each institution of higher education shall publish guidelines addressing the practices of the institution regarding the transfer of course credit. In the guidelines, the institution must identify a course by using the common course numbering system approved by the board.

(b)  Each general academic teaching institution shall include in the guidelines published on the institution's Internet website under Subsection (a) a transfer pathway for each major in the top 25 majors at the institution for which students most frequently transfer to the institution. A transfer pathway must identify:

(1)  the lower division course requirements for the major, including the core curriculum requirements; and

(2)  each course that may be transferred to the institution from a public junior college for course credit applied toward the major or the core curriculum.

(c)  A general academic teaching institution shall annually review and, if necessary, update each transfer pathway required under Subsection (b).

SECTION 2.  Not later than January 1, 2020, each general academic teaching institution shall develop and publish the transfer pathways required under Section 61.830, Education Code, as amended by this Act.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.