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H.B. No. 2078

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the coordination of the transfer of course credit
3 between public institutions of higher education.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section [61.822](#), Education Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsections (f) and (g)
7 to read as follows:

8 (a) The board shall develop and implement a policy regarding
9 ~~[encourage]~~ the transferability of lower division course credit
10 among institutions of higher education.

11 (b) Each institution of higher education shall adopt a core
12 curriculum of no less than 42 semester credit hours, including
13 specific courses comprising the curriculum. The core curriculum
14 shall be consistent with the common course numbering system
15 approved by the board under Section [61.832](#) and with the statement,
16 recommendations, and rules issued by the board. An institution may
17 have a core curriculum of other than 42 semester credit hours only
18 if approved by the board.

19 (f) The board shall establish a database and collect
20 information as determined by the board to annually identify the 25
21 degree programs that have the greatest transfer student enrollment.
22 Each general academic teaching institution shall identify for each
23 of those degree programs:

24 (1) a list of the lower-division courses offered by

1 institutions of higher education that are considered by the board
2 to be general academic transfer courses that may be offered for
3 state funding by public junior colleges, public state colleges, and
4 public technical institutes;

5 (2) the required courses for the degree program that
6 satisfy the core curriculum requirements at the institution; and

7 (3) any additional lower-division requirements for
8 the degree program at the institution.

9 (g) Courses identified by a general academic teaching
10 institution under Subsection (f) are only required to be applied to
11 the appropriate degree program for a student in the period of the
12 institution's course catalog beginning with the student's first
13 enrollment in an institution of higher education.

14 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply
15 beginning with the 2020-2021 academic year.

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