

1-1 By: Walle (Senate Sponsor - Powell) H.B. No. 3808  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 26, 2019;  
1-3 April 29, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher  
1-4 Education; May 19, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable  
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;  
1-6 May 19, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	Creighton	X		
1-10	West	X		
1-11	Bettencourt	X		
1-12	Buckingham	X		
1-13	Flores	X		
1-14	Menéndez	X		
1-15	Powell	X		
1-16	Taylor	X		
1-17	Watson	X		

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 3808 By: Creighton

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the filing of a degree plan by students at public  
1-22 institutions of higher education.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 51.9685(a)(2), Education Code, is  
1-25 amended to read as follows:

1-26 (2) "Institution of higher education" has ~~and "public~~  
1-27 ~~junior college" have~~ the meaning ~~meanings~~ assigned by Section  
1-28 61.003.

1-29 SECTION 2. Section 51.9685, Education Code, is amended by  
1-30 amending Subsections (b), (c), and (g) and adding Subsection (c-2)  
1-31 to read as follows:

1-32 (b) Except as otherwise provided by Subsection (c), each  
1-33 student enrolled in an associate or bachelor's degree program at an  
1-34 institution of higher education shall file a degree plan with the  
1-35 institution before ~~not later than~~ the end of the ~~second regular~~  
1-36 semester or term immediately following the semester or term in  
1-37 which the student earned a cumulative total of 30 ~~45~~ or more  
1-38 semester credit hours for coursework successfully completed by the  
1-39 student, including transfer courses, international baccalaureate  
1-40 courses, dual credit courses, and any other course for which the  
1-41 institution the student attends has awarded the student college  
1-42 course credit, including course credit awarded by examination.

1-43 (c) A student to whom Subsection (b) ~~this section~~ applies  
1-44 who begins the student's first semester or term at an institution of  
1-45 higher education with 30 ~~45~~ or more semester credit hours of  
1-46 course credit for courses described by Subsection (b) shall file a  
1-47 degree plan with the institution before ~~not later than~~ the end of  
1-48 that ~~the student's second regular~~ semester or term ~~at the~~  
1-49 ~~institution~~.

1-50 (c-2) A student enrolled in a dual credit course at an  
1-51 institution of higher education and to whom Subsection (b) does not  
1-52 apply shall file a degree plan with the institution not later than:

1-53 (1) the end of the second regular semester or term  
1-54 immediately following the semester or term in which the student  
1-55 earned a cumulative total of 15 or more semester credit hours of  
1-56 course credit for dual credit courses successfully completed by the  
1-57 student; or

1-58 (2) if the student begins the student's first semester  
1-59 or term at the institution with 15 or more semester credit hours of  
1-60 course credit for dual credit courses successfully completed by the

2-1 student, the end of the student's second regular semester or term at  
2-2 the institution.

2-3 (g) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in  
2-4 consultation with institutions of higher education, shall ~~may~~  
2-5 adopt rules as necessary for the administration of this section,  
2-6 including rules to ensure compliance with this section. In  
2-7 adopting those rules, the coordinating board shall use the  
2-8 negotiated rulemaking procedures under Chapter 2008, Government  
2-9 Code.

2-10 SECTION 3. Section 130.0104(c), Education Code, is amended  
2-11 to read as follows:

2-12 (c) In complying with the requirements regarding the filing  
2-13 of a degree plan under ~~[Notwithstanding]~~ Section 51.9685, ~~[before~~  
2-14 ~~the beginning of the regular semester or term immediately following~~  
2-15 ~~the semester or term in which]~~ a student enrolled ~~[successfully~~  
2-16 ~~completes a cumulative total of 30 or more semester credit hours for~~  
2-17 ~~coursework]~~ in a multidisciplinary studies associate degree  
2-18 program established under this section ~~[, the student]~~ must meet  
2-19 with an academic advisor to complete a degree plan ~~[, as defined by~~  
2-20 ~~Section 51.9685(a)(1),]~~ that:

2-21 (1) accounts for all remaining credit hours required  
2-22 for the completion of the degree program; and

2-23 (2) emphasizes:

2-24 (A) the student's transition to a particular  
2-25 four-year college or university that the student chooses; and

2-26 (B) preparations for the student's intended  
2-27 field of study or major at the four-year college or university.

2-28 SECTION 4. Section 51.9685(c-1), Education Code, is  
2-29 repealed.

2-30 SECTION 5. This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020  
2-31 academic year.

2-32 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-33 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-34 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-35 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-36 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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