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H.B. No. 4208

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the enforcement of certain requirements regarding the  
3 transfer of course credit between public institutions of higher  
4 education.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter S, Chapter 61, Education Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 61.8233 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 61.8233. WAIVER OF TUITION AND FEES FOR COURSES NOT  
9 TRANSFERRED TOWARD DEGREE PROGRAM. Notwithstanding any other  
10 provision, an institution of higher education that admits a student  
11 transferring from another institution of higher education shall  
12 waive the tuition and required fees that would otherwise be imposed  
13 for the student for a number of semester credit hours equal to the  
14 number of semester credit hours earned by the student in the core  
15 curriculum or a field of study curriculum of the sending  
16 institution for which the receiving institution:

17 (1) does not award the student academic credit toward  
18 the student's degree program; or

19 (2) awards only elective credit.

20 SECTION 2. Section 61.827, Education Code, is amended to  
21 read as follows:

22 Sec. 61.827. RULES. The board is authorized to adopt rules  
23 implementing the provisions of this subchapter, including rules to  
24 ensure compliance with this subchapter.

1           SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020  
2 academic year.

3           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.