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(Howard)

S.B. No. 502

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring certain institutions of higher education to issue reports on the transferability of credit.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Sections 51.400 and 51.4033 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.400. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Coordinating board" means the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

(2) "General academic teaching institution," "institution of higher education," and "medical and dental unit" have the meanings assigned by Section 61.003.

Sec. 51.4033. REPORT OF NONTRANSFERABLE CREDIT. (a) Not later than December 1 of each year and in the form prescribed by the coordinating board, each general academic teaching institution and medical and dental unit shall provide to the coordinating board a report describing any courses for which a student who transfers to the institution from another institution of higher education is not granted academic credit at the receiving institution.

(b) A report required by this section must indicate:

(1) the course name and type;  
(2) which institution of higher education provided academic credit for the course; and

(3) the reason why the receiving institution did not

1 grant academic credit for the course.

2           SECTION 2. Each public institution of higher education and  
3 medical and dental unit required to submit a report under Section  
4 51.4033, Education Code, as added by this Act, shall submit the  
5 first report not later than December 1, 2020.

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