By:  Taylor S.B. No. 1227

(In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2021; March 18, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education; April 30, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 30, 2021, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Creighton       X

West            X

Birdwell        X

Blanco          X

Miles           X

Paxton          X

Springer        X

Taylor          X

Zaffirini       X

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1227 By:  Springer

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the granting of undergraduate course credit at public institutions of higher education for certain scores on examinations administered through the College-Level Examination Program.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 51.968, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c-2) to read as follows:

(c-2)  In establishing the minimum required score on a CLEP examination for granting course credit for a particular lower-division course under Subsection (c), an institution of higher education may not require a score higher than the minimum score recommended by the American Council on Education for granting course credit for that examination unless the institution's chief academic officer determines, based on evidence, that a higher score on the examination is necessary to indicate that a student is sufficiently prepared to be successful in a related, more advanced course for which the lower-division course is a prerequisite.

SECTION 2.  Section 51.968(c-2), Education Code, as added by this Act, applies to entering freshman students at public institutions of higher education beginning with the 2022 spring semester.

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, 2021.

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