

1-1 By: Eckhardt, Flores, Perry S.B. No. 200
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 14, 2022; February 15, 2023,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Subcommittee on Higher Education;
 1-4 April 11, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute from Committee on Education by the following vote:
 1-6 Yeas 12, Nays 0; April 11, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
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1-22 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 200 By: Springer

1-23 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-24 AN ACT

1-25 relating to the period for which an applicant for admission as an
 1-26 undergraduate student to a public institution of higher education
 1-27 is entitled to an academic fresh start.

1-28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-29 SECTION 1. Section 51.931, Education Code, is amended by
 1-30 adding Subsections (c-1) and (c-2) to read as follows:

1-31 (c-1) In considering an applicant for admission under this
 1-32 section, a public institution of higher education may choose to
 1-33 disregard academic course credits or grades earned by the applicant
 1-34 more recently than 10 years before the starting date of the semester
 1-35 in which the applicant seeks to enroll, except the institution may
 1-36 not disregard any credits or grades earned during the five-year
 1-37 period preceding that date. An institution that chooses to
 1-38 disregard course credits or grades earned during the additional
 1-39 period permitted by this subsection must disregard all course
 1-40 credits or grades earned during that period and may not award any
 1-41 credit for those courses.

1-42 (c-2) Each public institution of higher education shall
 1-43 adopt, post on the institution's Internet website, and submit to
 1-44 the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board a policy regarding
 1-45 the admissions made by the institution under this section,
 1-46 including the period for which an applicant's course credits or
 1-47 grades will be considered by the institution under the policy.

1-48 SECTION 2. Section 61.0595(c), Education Code, is amended
 1-49 to read as follows:

1-50 (c) For a student enrolled in a baccalaureate program under
 1-51 Section 51.931, semester credit hours that were earned by the
 1-52 student [~~10 or more years~~] before the date the student began
 1-53 [~~begins~~] the new degree program under Section 51.931 and that were
 1-54 disregarded under institution policy as described by that section
 1-55 are not counted for purposes of determining whether the student has
 1-56 previously earned the number of semester credit hours specified by
 1-57 Subsection (a).

1-58 SECTION 3. Section 51.931, Education Code, as amended by
 1-59 this Act, applies beginning with admissions to a public institution
 1-60 of higher education for the 2023 fall semester.

2-1 SECTION 4. Section 61.0595(c), Education Code, as amended
2-2 by this Act, applies beginning with funding recommendations made
2-3 under Section 61.059, Education Code, for the state fiscal biennium
2-4 beginning September 1, 2025, for semester credit hours earned by
2-5 students enrolling in a baccalaureate degree program at a public
2-6 institution of higher education under Section 51.931, Education
2-7 Code, as amended by this Act, for the 2023 fall semester or a
2-8 subsequent semester or term. Funding recommendations for semester
2-9 credit hours earned by a student who enrolled in a baccalaureate
2-10 degree program at a public institution of higher education under
2-11 Section 51.931, Education Code, as amended by this Act, before the
2-12 2023 fall semester are governed by the law in effect immediately
2-13 before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is
2-14 continued in effect for that purpose.

2-15 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-19 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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