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S.B. No. 453

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter S, Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 61.8231 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.8231. WAIVER OF TUITION AND FEES FOR COURSES NOT TRANSFERRED TOWARD DEGREE PROGRAM. Notwithstanding any other provision, an institution of higher education that admits a student transferring from another institution of higher education shall waive the tuition and required fees that would otherwise be imposed for the student for a number of semester credit hours equal to the number of semester credit hours earned by the student in the core curriculum or a field of study curriculum of the sending institution for which the receiving institution:

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

(2) awards only elective credit.

SECTION 2. Section 61.827(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The board is authorized to adopt rules implementing the provisions of this subchapter, including rules to ensure compliance with this subchapter.

1 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024
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, 2023.