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S.B. No. 2847

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to innovations in core curriculum to accelerate the award of bachelor's degrees, including the establishment of the general education curriculum advisory committee.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 61.0522 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.0522. GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) In this section:

(1) "Advisory committee" means the general education curriculum advisory committee established under this section.

(2) "General education curriculum" means a core curriculum, as that term is defined by Section 61.821, and any other curriculum or competency all undergraduate students of an institution of higher education are required to complete before receiving an undergraduate degree.

(b) The board shall establish an advisory committee to review the general education curriculum requirements of institutions of higher education.

(c) The board shall call for nominations from presidents or chief executive officers, chancellors, and chief academic officers at all institutions of higher education for representatives to serve on the advisory committee. The board shall select a number of representatives determined by the board from those nominated with

1 nominees drawn equally from two-year and four-year institutions.

2 (d) The advisory committee shall consider methods for
3 determining general education curriculum component courses and for
4 condensing the number of general education curriculum courses
5 required at institutions of higher education.

6 (e) Not later than November 1, 2026, the advisory committee
7 shall produce a report regarding the advisory committee's findings
8 and recommendations under this section and provide the report to
9 the board.

10 (f) Not later than December 31, 2026, the board shall review
11 the advisory committee's report and submit to the legislature the
12 board's recommendations for legislative or other action necessary
13 to implement the findings of the report.

14 (g) The advisory committee is abolished and this section
15 expires September 1, 2027.

16 SECTION 2. Section [61.822](#), Education Code, is amended by
17 adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

18 (b-1) The board by rule may approve a core curriculum of
19 fewer than 42 semester credit hours for a bachelor's degree program
20 at an institution of higher education if the board determines that
21 the approval would accelerate student completion of
22 workforce-aligned credentials, as defined by board rule.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.