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S.B. No. 2847

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 2847:

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C.S.S.B. No. 2847

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to measures to accelerate the award of bachelor's degrees,  
including the establishment of the general education curriculum  
advisory committee, and to the number of semester credit hours  
required for the core curriculum for certain bachelor's degree  
programs at a public institution of higher education.

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

1 serve on the advisory committee. The board shall select a number of  
2 representatives determined by the board from those nominated with  
3 nominees drawn equally from two-year and four-year institutions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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