

SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Castro

H.B. No. 992

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to excess undergraduate credit hours at public institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Section 51.907, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsections (g) and (h) to read as follows:

(a) In this section, "general academic teaching institution," "governing board," ~~[and]~~ "institution of higher education," and "public junior college" have the meanings assigned by Section 61.003.

(c) Except as provided under rules adopted under Subsection (d) or by Subsection (g):

(1) unless Subdivision (2) applies, an institution of higher education may not permit a student to drop more than six courses, including any course a transfer student has dropped at another institution of higher education, under circumstances described by Subsection (b); and

(2) a general academic teaching institution may not permit a student to whom Subsection (g) applies to drop more than four courses under circumstances described by Subsection (b).

(g) In determining the number of courses dropped by a student for purposes of this section, a general academic teaching institution may not count a course dropped by a student enrolled in

1 the institution if:

2 (1) the student dropped the course while enrolled in a
3 public junior college; and

4 (2) the student transferred to the general academic
5 teaching institution after earning from another institution of
6 higher education:

7 (A) at least 30 semester credit hours; or

8 (B) an associate degree.

9 (h) An institution of higher education shall provide
10 written notice to each undergraduate student of the provisions of
11 this section before the end of the first semester in which the
12 student is enrolled in the institution.

13 SECTION 2. Section 61.0595(d), Education Code, is amended
14 to read as follows:

15 (d) The following are not counted for purposes of
16 determining whether the student has previously earned the number of
17 semester credit hours specified by Subsection (a):

18 (1) semester credit hours earned by the student before
19 receiving an associate or [a] baccalaureate degree that has
20 previously been awarded to the student;

21 (2) semester credit hours earned by the student by
22 examination or under any other procedure by which credit is earned
23 without registering for a course for which tuition is charged;

24 (3) credit for a remedial education course, a
25 technical course, a workforce education course funded according to
26 contact hours, or another course that does not count toward a degree
27 program at the institution;

1 (4) semester credit hours earned by the student at a
2 private institution or an out-of-state institution; and

3 (5) semester credit hours earned by the student before
4 graduating from high school and used to satisfy high school
5 graduation requirements.

6 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act to Section
7 61.0595, Education Code, applies beginning with the funding
8 recommendations made under Section 61.059, Education Code, for the
9 2013-2014 academic year.

10 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act to Section
11 51.907, Education Code, applies beginning with the fall 2011
12 semester.

13 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

ADOPTED

MAY 25 2011

Atty. Gen.
Secretary of the Senate

By: Castro/Zaffirini

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Substitute the following for H.B. No. 992:

By: Zaffirini

C.S.H.B. No. 992

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2 relating to excess undergraduate credit hours at public
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5 SECTION 1. Section 51.907, Education Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

7 (g) An institution of higher education shall provide
8 written notice to each undergraduate student of the provisions of
9 this section before the end of the first semester in which the
10 student is enrolled in the institution. The notice required by this
11 subsection may be delivered by electronic mail or other method of
12 written communication, as determined by the institution.

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14 to read as follows:

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17 semester credit hours specified by Subsection (a):

18 (1) semester credit hours earned by the student before
19 receiving a baccalaureate degree that has previously been awarded
20 to the student;

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22 examination or under any other procedure by which credit is earned
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5 private institution or an out-of-state institution; ~~and~~

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7 graduating from high school and used to satisfy high school
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11 the student in excess of the number of semester credit hours
12 required for the completion of that degree.

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 26, 2011

TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB992 by Castro (Relating to excess undergraduate credit hours at public institutions of higher education.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require institutions of higher education to inform students of the provisions of Section 51.907 of the Education Code that pertains to the limitations on the number of courses that may be dropped under certain circumstances. The bill would also amend statute as it relates to formula funding for certain excess credit hours. Any costs associated with the bill would be absorbed within current resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 758 Texas State University System, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 769 University of North Texas System Administration, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 20, 2011

TO: Honorable Judith Zaffirini, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education

FROM: John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB992 by Castro (relating to excess undergraduate credit hours at public institutions of higher education.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 4, 2011

TO: Honorable Judith Zaffirini, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education

FROM: John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB992 by Castro (Relating to excess undergraduate credit hours at public institutions of higher education.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill relates to excess undergraduate credit hours at public institutions of higher education. The bill amends Section 51.907 of the Education Code to prohibit general academic teaching institutions from counting courses dropped by a student enrolled in the institution if: 1) the student dropped the course while enrolled in a public junior college, and, 2) the student transferred to the general academic teaching institution after earning from another institution of higher education: (A) at least 30 semester credit hours; or (B) an associates degree. Each institution shall provide written notification to each undergraduate student of the provisions of this section before the end of the first semester in which the student is enrolled in the institution. Any costs associated with implementing the bill will be absorbed within current resources.

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FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 13, 2011

TO: Honorable Dan Branch, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

FROM: John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB992 by Castro (Relating to excess undergraduate credit hours at public institutions of higher education.), **As Introduced**

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