

1-1 By: Seliger S.B. No. 1189
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2015; March 17, 2015, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;
1-4 April 13, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; April 13, 2015,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-12	X			
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1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1189 By: Seliger

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the establishment of a transfer associate degree
1-20 program at each public junior college.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 130, Education Code, is
1-23 amended by adding Section 130.0104 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 130.0104. TRANSFER ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM. (a) The
1-25 governing board of each public junior college district shall
1-26 establish a transfer associate degree program at each junior
1-27 college in the district.

1-28 (b) A transfer associate degree program established at a
1-29 junior college under this section must require a student to
1-30 successfully complete:

1-31 (1) the junior college's core curriculum adopted under
1-32 Section 61.822(b); and

1-33 (2) after completion of the core curriculum under
1-34 Subdivision (1), the courses selected by the student in the
1-35 student's degree plan completed under Subsection (c).

1-36 (c) Notwithstanding Section 51.9685, before the beginning
1-37 of the regular semester or term immediately following the semester
1-38 or term in which a student successfully completes a cumulative
1-39 total of 30 or more semester credit hours for coursework in a
1-40 transfer associate degree program established under this section,
1-41 the student must meet with an academic advisor to complete a degree
1-42 plan, as defined by Section 51.9685(a)(1), that:

1-43 (1) accounts for all remaining credit hours required
1-44 for the completion of the degree program; and

1-45 (2) emphasizes:

1-46 (A) the student's transition to a particular
1-47 four-year college or university that the student chooses; and

1-48 (B) preparations for the student's intended
1-49 field of study or major at the four-year college or university.

1-50 (d) The coordinating board shall adopt rules as necessary
1-51 for the administration of this section, including rules ensuring
1-52 that:

1-53 (1) a transfer associate degree program is established
1-54 at each public junior college; and

1-55 (2) the common application form adopted under Section
1-56 51.762 contains a description of transfer associate degree programs
1-57 established under this section.

1-58 SECTION 2. (a) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating
1-59 Board shall adopt the rules required by Section 130.0104, Education
1-60 Code, as added by this Act, as soon as practicable after the

2-1 effective date of this Act. For that purpose, the coordinating
2-2 board may adopt the initial rules in the manner provided by law for
2-3 emergency rules.

2-4 (b) The governing board of each public junior college
2-5 district shall offer a transfer associate degree program at each
2-6 junior college in the district as required by Section 130.0104,
2-7 Education Code, as added by this Act, beginning with the 2016 fall
2-8 semester.

2-9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-13 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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