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S.B. No. 802

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study and report regarding best practices in 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 C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 61.0667 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.0667. STUDY ON BEST PRACTICES IN CREDIT TRANSFER.

(a) The board shall conduct a study to identify best practices in ensuring that courses transferred to an institution of higher education for course credit, including courses offered for dual credit, apply toward a degree program at the institution.

(b) The study must:

(1) evaluate existing articulation agreements that govern the transfer of course credit between institutions of higher education; and

(2) identify those institutions of higher education that are implementing the best practices identified under Subsection (a).

(c) On request, an institution of higher education shall provide information to the board as necessary for the board to perform its duties under this section.

(d) Not later than November 1, 2018, the board shall submit to the legislature the results of its study under this section and

1 recommendations for legislative or other action.

2 (e) This section expires September 1, 2019.

3 SECTION 2. 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, 2017.