

1-1 By: Taylor S.B. No. 1324
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 28, 2019; March 7, 2019,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;
1-4 March 21, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
1-5 Nays 0; March 21, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Creighton	X		
1-9	West	X		
1-10	Bettencourt	X		
1-11	Buckingham	X		
1-12	Flores	X		
1-13	Menéndez	X		
1-14	Powell	X		
1-15	Taylor	X		
1-16	Watson	X		

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

1-19 relating to the filing of a degree plan by students at public
1-20 institutions of higher education.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 51.9685, Education Code, is amended by
1-23 adding Subsection (c-2) and amending Subsection (g) to read as
1-24 follows:

1-25 (c-2) A student enrolled in a course for joint high school
1-26 and junior college credit under Section 130.008 at a public junior
1-27 college and to whom Subsection (b) or (c-1) does not apply shall
1-28 file a degree plan with the college not later than:

1-29 (1) the end of the second regular semester or term
1-30 immediately following the semester or term in which the student
1-31 earned a cumulative total of 15 or more semester credit hours of
1-32 course credit for dual credit courses successfully completed by the
1-33 student; or

1-34 (2) if the student begins the student's first semester
1-35 or term at the college with 15 or more semester credit hours of
1-36 course credit for dual credit courses successfully completed by the
1-37 student, the end of the student's second regular semester or term at
1-38 the college.

1-39 (g) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in
1-40 consultation with institutions of higher education, shall ~~may~~
1-41 adopt rules as necessary for the administration of this section,
1-42 including rules requiring institutions of higher education to
1-43 report to the board information regarding the filing of degree
1-44 plans as required by this section.

1-45 SECTION 2. Section 130.0104(c), Education Code, is amended
1-46 to read as follows:

1-47 (c) In complying with the requirements regarding the filing
1-48 of a degree plan under [Notwithstanding] Section 51.9685, [before
1-49 the beginning of the regular semester or term immediately following
1-50 the semester or term in which] a student enrolled [successfully
1-51 completes a cumulative total of 30 or more semester credit hours for
1-52 coursework] in a multidisciplinary studies associate degree
1-53 program established under this section[, the student] must meet
1-54 with an academic advisor to complete a degree plan[, as defined by
1-55 Section 51.9685(a)(1),] that:

1-56 (1) accounts for all remaining credit hours required
1-57 for the completion of the degree program; and

1-58 (2) emphasizes:

1-59 (A) the student's transition to a particular
1-60 four-year college or university that the student chooses; and

1-61 (B) preparations for the student's intended

2-1 field of study or major at the four-year college or university.
2-2 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020
2-3 academic year.
2-4 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-8 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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