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H.B. No. 992

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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

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

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

22 (g) In determining the number of courses dropped by a
23 student for purposes of this section, a general academic teaching
24 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;

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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.