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
credit, including courses offered for dual
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
recommendations for legislative or other action.

(e) This section expires September 1, 2019.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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I hereby certify that S.B. No. 802 passed the Senate on March 22, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

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I hereby certify that S.B. No. 802 passed the House on May 23, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, one present not voting.

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Approved:

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MAY 29, 2017

Secretary of State
TO: Honorable Kel Seliger, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education  
FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board  
IN RE: SB802 by Seliger (Relating to a study and report regarding best practices in the transfer of course credit between public institutions of higher education.), Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Education Code to require the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to conduct a study on best practices in degree program course credit transfer between institutions of higher education, including for dual credit course credits, and identify institutions of higher education implementing these practices. Upon request by THECB, institutions of higher education would be required to provide any necessary information to the agency in order to conduct the study and identify institutions. THECB would be required to submit the results of its study and recommendations to the Legislature no later than November 1, 2018. The bill would take immediate effect if it receives a two-thirds vote of each house of the Legislature. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2017.

It is assumed that any costs associated with the bill would not be significant and could absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 701 Texas Education Agency, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 769 University of North Texas System Administration, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 783 University of Houston System Administration

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TO: Honorable Kel Seliger, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB802 by Seliger (Relating to a study and report regarding best practices in the provision of dual credit courses by public institutions of higher education and the transfer of course credit between those institutions.), As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Education Code to require the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to conduct a study on best practices in dual credit and other course credit transfer and identify institutions of higher education that are implementing these practices. Upon request by THECB, institutions of higher education would be required to provide any necessary information to the agency in order to conduct the study and identify institutions. THECB would be required to submit the results of its study and recommendations to the Legislature no later than September 1, 2018.

According THECB, additional staff time would be required to complete the study and issue a report as required by the bill, and there would be some technology costs in order to collect, store, analyze, and manage data, but the amount of technology costs are unknown. It is assumed that these costs would not be significant and THECB could undertake these duties within existing resources. The bill is not anticipated to have significant fiscal impact on institutions of higher education.

The bill would take immediate effect if it receives a two-thirds vote of each house of the Legislature. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 701 Texas Education Agency, 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, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 783 University of Houston System Administration

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