



86<sup>th</sup> *Legislative Session*  
& **HIGHER EDUCATION**

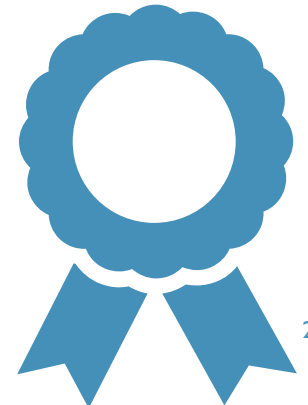
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# HIGHER EDUCATION KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Course Credit Transferability
- Open Educational Resources
- Campus Safety



# IMPROVING COLLEGE CREDIT TRANSFERABILITY

## **SB 25: OMNIBUS TRANSFERABILITY BILL** (WEST/C.TURNER)

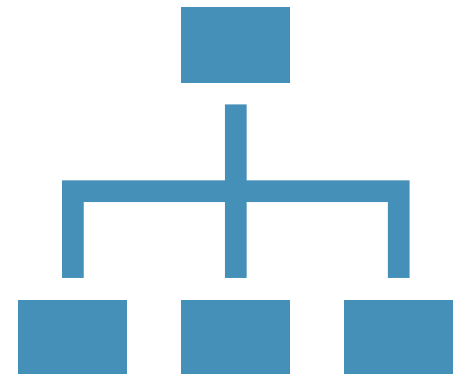
- Course Sequencing
- Reporting Requirement
- Academic Advising Triggers
- Core Curriculum/Meta-Majors
- Articulation Agreements



## SB 25

# COURSE SEQUENCING

- Institutions **must develop at least one course sequence** for each certificate and degree program
  - Timeline for development of course sequences:
    - Certificates within 2 years
    - Degrees within 4 years
  - Specify sequence of completion
  - Must be published in the course catalog & on institution's website



# SB 25


## REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

### ■ PUBLIC JUNIOR COLLEGES

- Students transferred in preceding academic year:
  - Courses attempted and completed
  - Semester credit hours for these courses
  - Non-core curriculum
  - Dual Credit courses

### ■ GENERAL ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS

- Transfer students who aren't granted:
  - Academic credit at receiving institution
  - Credit towards the declared major at receiving institution (if major doesn't change)
- Course name/type
- Reason WHY academic credit was not granted



Report due  
annually **March 1**  
to THECB &  
Legislature

SB 25

## ACADEMIC ADVISING/DEGREE PLAN

### AA/BA STUDENTS:

- Degree plan filed once completed 30 hours

### DUAL CREDIT STUDENTS:

- Degree plan filed no later than end of 2<sup>nd</sup> semester once they have earned 15 hours
- Top TACC priority (also a stand-alone bill)



# SB 25

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### ■ **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

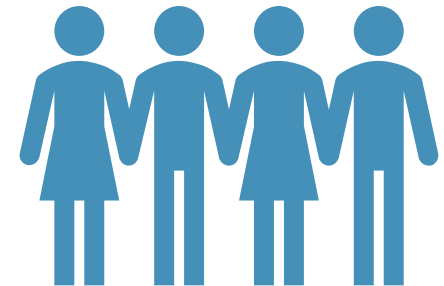
- Equal number representatives from public junior colleges & general academic institutions
- Majority of members from general academic institutions with 25% or more transfers

### ■ **THEY WILL STUDY:**

- Meta Majors
- Core Curriculum
- Fields of Study

### ■ **REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Due November 1, 2020



## SB 25

# ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

- General academic institutions may extend existing articulation agreements to other lower-division institutions of higher education on request of the lower-division institution
- Articulation agreements may enable a transfer student to receive up to **60 semester credit hours for courses completed**
- Impacts agreements signed after September 1, 2019
- Doesn't impact admission practices – students would still have to apply





# OTHER TRANSFERABILITY-RELATED BILLS

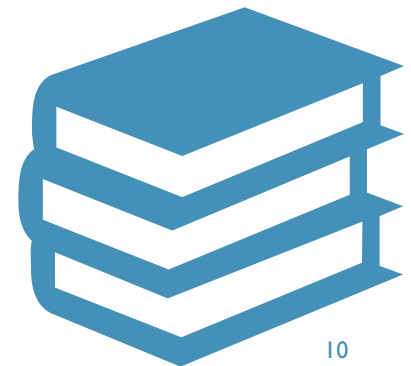
- **SB 1324 (TAYLOR/C.TURNER):  
DEGREE PLAN FILING**
  - TACC priority
  - Require degree plans filed upon completion of 15 dual credit hours
- **SB 502 (SELIGER/HOWARD):  
REPORT OF NON-TRANSFERABILITY**
  - Annual report of credits not accepted
- **HB 3808 (WALLE/POWELL):  
DEGREE PLAN FILING + MORE**
  - Degree plan filing at 30 hours at junior colleges or general academic institutions
  - Texas WORKS off-campus internship/work study program
  - Liaison officers



# HB 3652 & HB 3650

## OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (OER)

- **HB 3652 (C.TURNER/CREIGHTON):  
OER STATE REPOSITORY**
  - Creates state OER repository searchable by course, program/field of study, marketable skills, etc.
  - Includes a wide range of resources, including textbooks, course materials, assessment software
  - \$250,000 was appropriated in the two-year state budget for the repository
- **HB 3650 (C.TURNER/CREIGHTON):  
ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS**
  - Requires institutions of higher education & school districts to consider use of use of OER materials in articulation agreements



# HB 449

## CAMPUS SAFETY: TRANSCRIPT NOTATION

- **HB 449 (C.TURNER/WATSON):  
TRANSCRIPT NOTATION**
  - Applies to both public & private institutions
  - Notation on transcript if ineligible to re-enroll (suspended or expelled) because of a serious disciplinary code of conduct violation, including:
    - Sexual assault
    - Arson
    - Terroristic Threats
  - Can be removed at request of student
    - If eligible to re-enroll
    - Good cause determined by institution



# HB 1735 & SB 212

## CAMPUS SAFETY: SEXUAL ASSAULT

### **HB 1735 (HOWARD/WATSON): COMPREHENSIVE SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICIES**

- Amending current policies
- Counseling
- Title IX Coordinator designation
- Peace officer training around trauma-informed investigations

### **SB 212 (HUFFMAN/MORRISON): REPORTING SEXUAL ASSAULT**

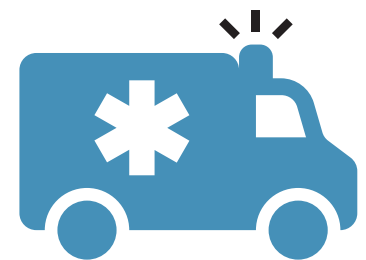
- Reporting requirements for employees
- Class B misdemeanor
- Administrative penalty for institutions
- Confidentiality standards



# HB 476 & HB 3285

## CAMPUS SAFETY: EPINEPHRINE & OVERDOSES

- **HB 476 (HOWARD/MENENDEZ):  
EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS**
  - Law already requires personnel/volunteers authorized & trained to use auto-injectors
  - This law would require information about the policy to be added to the student handbook and on the institution's website
  - DSHS must maintain a record of policy & make it available to public upon request
- **HB 3658 (C.TURNER/WATSON):  
RESIDENT ADVISOR TRAINING FOR OVERDOSES**
  - Requires that resident advisors (RAs) receive training on what to do in response to a drug or alcohol overdose
  - Amended to HB 3285



# MISSED OPPORTUNITY

# HB 2000

## TUITION REVENUE BONDS

- **HB 2000 (C.TURNER/WEST):  
TUITION REVENUE BONDS**
  - Last TRBs in 2015
  - HB 2000: \$3.8 billion in projects – new buildings and repairing existing structures
  - Passed House with bipartisan support & 70+ joint-/co-authors
  - Died in the Senate



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# QUESTIONS

