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86th Legislative Session
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KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Course Credit Transferability
- Open Educational Resources
- Campus Safety
SB 25: OMNIBUS TRANSFERABILITY BILL (WEST/C. TURNER)

- Course Sequencing
- Reporting Requirement
- Academic Advising Triggers
- Core Curriculum/Meta-Majors
- Articulation Agreements
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 2nd semester once they have earned 15 hours
- Top TACC priority (also a stand-alone bill)
**SB 25**

**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 OER materials in articulation agreements
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