

HB 183 -- HIGHER EDUCATION CORE CURRICULUM (Parker)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development

This bill specifies that, prior to June 30, 2027, the coordinating board, with the assistance of an advisory committee, must approve a 60 credit hour transferable lower-division courses and common course numbering equivalency matrix for the five applicable degree programs outlined in the bill beginning in the 2027-28 academic year. Each public institution of higher education, offering the approved degree programs, must include in its programs of study an approved 60 hour program equivalency matrix.

If a student successfully completes the transferable lower-division courses at a public institution of higher education, such courses may be transferred and will be substituted for core curriculum courses in the same degree program at a receiving institution. The transferring student receives credit toward the student's degree and is not required to take additional core classes for the same degree program at the receiving institution. Transferring students who have not fully completed the transferable coursework curriculum may be required to satisfy further course requirements at the receiving institution.

The coordinating board must report to the House Higher Education Committee and the Senate Education Committee on progress related to the requirements of the bill.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 2310 (2024).