

- SUBJECT:** Requiring higher education institutions to report on credit transferability
- COMMITTEE:** Higher Education — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 8 ayes — C. Turner, Stucky, Button, Frullo, Pacheco, Schaefer, Smithee, Wilson
- 0 nays
- 3 absent — Howard, E. Johnson, Walle
- SENATE VOTE:** On final passage, April 26 — 30-0, on Local and Uncontested Calendar
- WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Priscilla Camacho, Dallas Regional Chamber; Dustin Meador, Texas Association of Community Colleges; Mike Meroney, Texas Association of Manufacturers; Ashley Harris, United Ways of Texas)
- Against — None
- On — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Rex Peebles, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; Christopher Murr, Texas State University)
- DIGEST:** SB 502 would require general academic teaching institutions and medical and dental units to provide to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board an annual report describing any courses for which students who transferred to the institution from another institution of higher education were not granted academic credit. The report would include the course name and type, which institution provided credit, and the reason the receiving institution did not grant credit. The first report would have to be submitted by December 1, 2020.
- The bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2019.