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H. B. No. 655

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the filing of a degree plan by students at public junior
3 colleges.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 51.9685(a)(2), Education Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (2) "Institution of higher education" and "public
8 junior college" have [has] the meanings [~~meanings~~] assigned by
9 Section 61.003.

10 SECTION 2. Section 51.9685, Education Code, is amended by
11 adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

12 (c-1) Notwithstanding Subsections (b) and (c), a student
13 enrolled in an associate or bachelor's degree program at a public
14 junior college shall file a degree plan with the college not later
15 than:

24 SECTION 3. Section 51.9685(c-1), Education Code, as added

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1 by this Act, applies beginning with students who initially enroll
2 in a public junior college for the 2018 fall semester.

3 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.