

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 992 as passed by the Eighty-Second Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Bill 992 would exempt community college semester credit hours, other than those required for a baccalaureate degree, from counting against the excess semester credit hour cap, which is 30 hours above the degree requirement. House Bill 992 removes important incentives for students and community colleges to focus on degree completion.

House Bill 992 would encourage students to waste time and money, along with taxpayer dollars, and would prevent students and community colleges from being held accountable for responsible academic planning and advising.

Rather than exempt non-required community college courses from the excess semester credit hour cap, a better solution is to improve matriculation agreements and student advising so students can transfer more hours that do count toward degree completion.

Since the Eighty-Second Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 17th day of June, 2011.

A large, stylized signature of the name "Rick Perry" in black ink. Below the signature, the text "RICK PERRY" is printed in a smaller, sans-serif font, followed by "Governor of Texas".

ATTESTED BY:

A stylized signature of the name "Esperanza Andrade" in black ink.

ESPERANZA "HOPE" ANDRADE
Secretary of State

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SECRETARY OF STATE
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