and

(2) the person has been retired for at least 30 days before the effective date of the employment, except that a person retired under the optional retirement program may be rehired after retirement without a break in service.

(b) The governing board may pay a person employed under this section an amount considered by the governing board to be appropriate, notwithstanding any other provision of law.


Sec. 51.965. EMPLOYEE NOTIFICATION. (a) If a state law requires an institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003 to provide written notification to its officers or employees of any requirement, right, duty, or responsibility provided by state law, the institution may provide the notification by use of electronic media.

(b) An institution of higher education may adopt rules and guidelines to ensure that notification provided by electronic media under this section is effective and that any required notification is provided to officers and employees who do not have access to electronic media.

AdDED by Acts 2001, 77th Leg., ch. 118, Sec. 2.05, eff. Sept. 1, 2001.

Sec. 51.966. INSURANCE COVERAGE. (a) The governing board of an institution of higher education may purchase insurance insuring the institution and its employees against any liability, risk, or exposure and covering the losses of any institutional property.

(b) The governing board may pay the cost of any insurance from any funds of the institution.

(c) As used in this section, "governing board" and "institution of higher education" have the meanings assigned by Section 61.003.


Sec. 51.967. LIMITATION ON EDUCATIONAL DEBT. No statute of limitations shall apply to a lawsuit, to the enforcement of a judgment, or to any other legal action to collect an educational debt owed to an institution of higher education or to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.


Sec. 51.968. UNDERGRADUATE COURSE CREDIT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS COMPLETING POSTSECONDARY-LEVEL PROGRAM. (a) In this section:

(1) "Advanced Placement examination" means an examination administered through the Advanced Placement Program.

(2) "CLEP examination" means an examination administered through the College-Level Examination Program.

(3) "Coordinating board" means the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

(4) "Institution of higher education" means an institution of higher education, as defined by Section 61.003, that offers freshman-level courses.

(5) "International Baccalaureate Diploma Program" means the curriculum and examinations leading to an International Baccalaureate diploma awarded by the International Baccalaureate Organization.

(b) Each institution of higher education that offers freshman-level courses shall adopt and implement a policy to grant undergraduate course credit to entering freshman students who have successfully completed the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program, who have achieved required scores on one or more examinations in the Advanced Placement Program or the College-Level Examination Program, or who have successfully completed one or more courses offered through concurrent enrollment in high school and at an institution of higher education.

(c) In the policy, the institution shall:

(1) establish the institution's conditions for granting course credit, including the minimum required scores on CLEP examinations, Advanced Placement examinations, and examinations for courses constituting the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program; and

(2) based on the correlations identified under Subsection (f), identify the specific course credit or other...
academic requirements of the institution, including the number of
semester credit hours or other course credit, that the institution
will grant to a student who successfully completes the diploma
program, who successfully completes a course through concurrent
enrollment, or who achieves required scores on CLEP examinations or
Advanced Placement examinations.
(d) Each institution of higher education shall report to the
coordinating board the institution's policy adopted under this
section and shall include a copy of the policy with the
institution's undergraduate student application materials,
including application materials available on the institution's
Internet website.
(e) On request of an applicant for admission as an entering
freshman, an institution of higher education, based on information
provided by the applicant, shall determine and notify the applicant
regarding:
(1) the amount and type of any course credit that would
be granted to the applicant under the policy; and
(2) any other academic requirement that the applicant
would satisfy under the policy.
(f) The coordinating board, in consultation with the Texas
Education Agency, shall:
(1) identify correlations between the subject matter
and content of courses offered by each institution of higher
education and the subject matter and content of courses and
examinations in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program,
the Advanced Placement Program, and the College-Level Examination
Program; and
(2) make that information available to the public on
the coordinating board's Internet website.
(g) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, an
institution of higher education shall grant at least 24 semester
credit hours or equivalent course credit in appropriate subject
areas to an entering freshman student for successful completion of
the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. The institution
may grant fewer than 24 semester credit hours if the student
received a score of less than four on an examination administered as
part of the diploma program. The institution may grant fewer credit
hours only with respect to courses that are substantially related
to the subject of that examination.
Added by Acts 2005, 79th Leg., ch. 293, Sec. 2, eff. Sept. 1, 2005.