SB 1231
With the passage of SB1231, an institution of higher education may not permit a student to drop more than six courses, including any course a transfer student has dropped at another public institution of higher education. This applies only to a first-time in college student (FTIC) enrolled in Texas public higher education, beginning Fall 2007.

What Students Are Affected?
All FTIC students enrolled for the first time in a Texas public higher education institution for the Fall 2007 semester. Dual credit, ESL, and developmental studies students are not included.

Drop vs. Withdrawal
SB1231 stipulates “dropped” courses which at LSCS are referred to as “withdrawals.” Withdrawals occur between official day and the posted withdrawal day. Drops/withdrawals prior to official day are not considered “dropped” courses and are not posted on the transcript.

How is the Law Applied?
- Students beginning higher education in Fall 2007 in a Texas public higher education. All students previously enrolled are not impacted.
- All FTIC students who dropped a course during the Fall 07 semester have been administratively waived and their drops will not count toward the six (6) drop limit.
- Courses dropped effective with the winter 2007 mini-mester will be counted toward the six (6) drop rule.

What Drops Will Count Toward the Six (6) Drop Limit?
- course content/grade dissatisfaction,
- problem with instruction,
- instructor drop, excessive absences,
- loss of transportation, and
- non-payment

What Drops Will Be Considered Exempt From the Six (6) Drop Limit?
- change in work schedule,
- active military duty,
- severe illness/debilitating condition,
- care of sick, injured, or needy,
- death of family member (or close relative),
- complete withdrawal (excludes complete withdrawal for non-payment),
- class cancellation, and
• other “good cause.”

What is Considered “Good Cause” for Drop Status?
Exceptions for “good cause” can be determined by the Chief Student Services Officer per guidelines in the legislation. Administrative may be coded as either a “good cause” or a drop depending on extenuating circumstances and decision by the Chief Student Services Officer.

What Is A Drop/Is Not A Drop?
• Classes dropped after official day through the withdrawal date are considered drops.
• Grades of IP will not be considered a drop since they are an earned grade.
• Classes dropped prior to official day are not considered drops and do not appear on the transcript.

Exceptions:
• The Dean/Vice President of Student Services at each college will handle any waivers/exceptions for “good cause”.

Penalties:
A student that has accumulated six (6) drops may not be permitted to accumulate another drop. The student will receive the grade earned in the course.

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