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Assignment Submit Button Behaves Inconsistently in Ultra Courses which can lead to Blank Submissions

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Description:

The Submit button in Assignments can allow blank submission if the Assignment Content field is empty and is not consistently disabled before users enter responses.

Steps to Replicate:

1. Log into **Blackboard Learn Ultra Experience** as an **Administrator**
2. Create an **Ultra Course**, enroll as an **Instructor** and enroll a **Student**
3. As the **Instructor** create an **Assignment** without adding **Content** to the **Assignment**
4. Create another **Assignment** with **Content** added to the **Assignment**
5. Make the **Assignments** available
6. Log in as a **Student**, navigate into the **Course** and start the first **Assignment**
7. The **Submit** button is active and the **Student** is able to submit without entering a response
8. Begin the second **Assignment**

Observed Behavior: The Submit button is active without Students having entered a response.

Expected Behavior: The Submit button should be inactive until Students have entered a response

Cause: A change was implemented in 3900.43 to prevent submission buttons in Assignments from being disabled. As of June 22, 2022 this change was reverted.

Information: On reverting the change implemented in 3900.43, the Save and Submit buttons for Assignments become enabled after a user enters text, or uploads a file for the submission. If the responses entered are removed, the Submit buttons remain enabled.

When users select to Submit they are presented with message intended to be an "are you sure" confirmation: After you submit, you can't edit this assignment. Do you want to continue?

The logic behind disabling/enabling the submission button is being investigated for future enhancements, including what a user would see when trying to submit to the assignment without entering responses.

Target Release: SaaS - Fixed (v3900.44.0-rel.15 or higher)

