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H.B. No. 981

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a study by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating
3 Board on the feasibility of establishing a divinity program at
4 Texas Southern University.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 61.06695 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 61.06695. STUDY ON DIVINITY PROGRAM AT TEXAS SOUTHERN
9 UNIVERSITY. (a) The board shall conduct a study on the feasibility
10 of establishing a divinity program that offers bachelor's,
11 master's, and doctoral degrees at Texas Southern University.

12 (b) Not later than December 1, 2022, the board shall submit
13 to each legislative standing committee with primary jurisdiction
14 over higher education and the board of regents of Texas Southern
15 University a report on the results of the study.

16 (c) This section expires September 1, 2023.

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.