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S.B. No. 1623

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to good cause for revoking the tenure of or otherwise
3 disciplining a faculty member of a public institution of higher
4 education in this state.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 51.942, Education Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

8 (c-1) For purposes of Subsection (c)(5), good cause for
9 revoking the tenure of or otherwise disciplining a faculty member
10 includes the faculty member's initiation of a civil suit against a
11 student enrolled at the institution, regardless of whether the
12 claim is subsequently litigated or dismissed.

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