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H.B. No. 67

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the review of the organization and operation of each university system and system office.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 61.0515 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.0515. REVIEW OF UNIVERSITY SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION.

(a) The board shall perform a review of the organization and operations of each university system office to:

(1) identify appropriate organizational structures for university systems and system offices;

(2) identify and quantify workforce and other resources at each system office used to provide services and functions common to each system office; and

(3) determine the extent to which system administration employees are performing services and functions that are also provided by employees of individual component institutions of each university system.

(b) In the review, the board shall identify the number and types of administrative and executive positions in the administration of each university system, and shall examine each major function, service, or activity performed by university system offices, including:

(1) central administration;

- 1 (2) academic affairs coordination and support;
- 2 (3) general counsel and other legal services;
- 3 (4) budgeting, accounting, and data reporting;
- 4 (5) fiscal management;
- 5 (6) facilities planning and construction;
- 6 (7) governmental relations;
- 7 (8) audit services;
- 8 (9) real estate management;
- 9 (10) information technology services; and
- 10 (11) aircraft operation and usage.

11 (c) Not later than November 1, 2004, the board shall prepare
12 a report of the review and deliver the report to the governor,
13 lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives,
14 Legislative Budget Board, and chair of the standing committee of
15 each house of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over higher
16 education. In the report, the board shall state its findings and
17 identify opportunities for legislative and administrative action
18 relating to:

- 19 (1) the reorganization of university system offices
20 and functions;
- 21 (2) the consolidation or reorganization of university
22 systems; and
- 23 (3) the consolidation or centralization of functions,
24 services, or activities of university system offices.

25 (d) In the report, the board shall identify potential
26 reductions in personnel and other cost savings associated with each
27 legislative or administrative action the board identifies under

1 Subsection (c).

2 (e) This section expires September 1, 2005.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect November 1, 2003.