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H.B. No. 2505

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the review of the administration of university systems  
3 and identification of potential administrative and organizational  
4 reforms.

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 61.0515 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 61.0515. REVIEW OF UNIVERSITY SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26           (d) In the report, the board shall identify potential  
27 reductions in personnel and other cost savings associated with each

1 legislative or administrative action the board identifies under  
2 Subsection (c).

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

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.