

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 26
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 12, 2002; January 27, 2003,
1-3 read first time and referred to Subcommittee on Higher Education;
1-4 May 13, 2003, reported to Committee on Education; May 14, 2003,
1-5 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the
1-6 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 14, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 26 By: Averitt

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the establishment of a pilot program for retention of
1-11 students in higher education.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is
1-14 amended by adding Section 51.9356 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 51.9356. PILOT PROGRAM REGARDING THE RETENTION OF
1-16 STUDENTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION. (a) The Texas Higher Education
1-17 Coordinating Board shall develop a pilot program called the
1-18 "Freshman SUCCESS Program" that will focus on retention of
1-19 high-risk students who are first generation in college, low-income,
1-20 and/or educationally underprepared by providing proactive
1-21 intervention modalities to meet the demands of college.

1-22 (b) The pilot program shall address the students' academic,
1-23 emotional, behavioral, and financial needs as well as cultural
1-24 barriers that may affect their success in college.

1-25 (c) In conducting this pilot program study, the board shall:

1-26 (1) identify and evaluate the potential benefits and
1-27 advantages of this type of program;

1-28 (2) evaluate and make recommendations concerning any
1-29 legal, administrative, or practical problems with this type of
1-30 program; and

1-31 (3) indicate the impact on the goals for the Texas
1-32 Higher Education Coordinating Board's Closing the Gaps strategy.

1-33 (d) The board shall complete the pilot program study and
1-34 report the results of the study to the Legislature on or before
1-35 December 1, 2004. The report must include the board's
1-36 recommendations concerning the Freshman SUCCESS Program.

1-37 (e) In this section, "board" means the Texas Higher
1-38 Education Coordinating Board.

1-39 (f) This section expires September 1, 2005.

1-40 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-41 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-42 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-43 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-44 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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