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H.B. No. 591

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the privatization of waste removal service operations at certain public institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.949 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.949. PRIVATIZATION OF WASTE REMOVAL SERVICES. (a)  
In this section, "general academic teaching institution" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

(b) A general academic teaching institution may not employ persons whose primary duties include providing waste removal services or own, lease, or maintain equipment that is used primarily for waste removal services. A general academic teaching institution must contract with a local government or private business entity to provide waste removal services for the institution.

(c) This section does not apply to a general academic teaching institution located in a region in which the governing board finds that no local government or private business entity provides adequate waste removal services or is willing to contract with the institution to provide those services. The exception provided by this subsection is effective for 10 years after the governing board makes the required finding.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2006.