

1-1 By: West, et al. S.B. No. 730  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 24, 2005; March 2, 2005, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Subcommittee on Higher Education;  
1-4 March 16, 2005, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute to Committee on Education; March 29, 2005, reported  
1-6 adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute from Committee on  
1-7 Education by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 1; March 29, 2005,  
1-8 sent to printer.)

1-9 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 730 By: West

1-10 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-11 AN ACT

1-12 relating to the establishment of a law school in the City of Dallas  
1-13 by the University of North Texas System.

1-14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-15 SECTION 1. Subchapter J, Chapter 105, Education Code, is  
1-16 amended by adding Section 105.502 to read as follows:

1-17 Sec. 105.502. UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS SYSTEM SCHOOL OF  
1-18 LAW. (a) The board may establish and operate a school of law in  
1-19 the city of Dallas as a professional school of the University of  
1-20 North Texas System.

1-21 (b) In administering the law school, the board may prescribe  
1-22 courses leading to customary degrees offered at other leading  
1-23 American schools of law and may award those degrees.

1-24 (c) Until the University of North Texas at Dallas has been  
1-25 administered as a general academic teaching institution for five  
1-26 years, the board shall administer the law school as a professional  
1-27 school of the system. After that period, the law school shall  
1-28 become a professional school of the University of North Texas at  
1-29 Dallas. Until the law school becomes a professional school of the  
1-30 University of North Texas at Dallas, the law school is entitled to  
1-31 formula funding as if the law school were a professional school of a  
1-32 general academic teaching institution.

1-33 (d) Before the board establishes a law school under this  
1-34 section, but not later than June 1, 2006, the system shall prepare a  
1-35 feasibility study to determine the actions the system must take to  
1-36 obtain accreditation of the law school. The system shall deliver a  
1-37 copy of the study to the chair of each legislative standing  
1-38 committee or subcommittee with jurisdiction over higher education  
1-39 and to the chairman of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating  
1-40 Board. This subsection expires January 1, 2007.

1-41 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-42 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-43 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-44 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-45 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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