

1-1 By: West, et al. S.B. No. 105
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 14, 2006; January 29, 2007,
1-3 read first time and referred to Subcommittee on Higher Education;
1-4 April 12, 2007, reported favorably from Committee on Education by
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; April 12, 2007, sent to
1-6 printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the establishment of a law school in the city of Dallas
1-10 by the University of North Texas System.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subchapter J, Chapter 105, Education Code, is
1-13 amended by adding Section 105.502 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 105.502. UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS SYSTEM SCHOOL OF
1-15 LAW. (a) The board may establish and operate a school of law in
1-16 the city of Dallas as a professional school of the University of
1-17 North Texas System.

1-18 (b) In administering the law school, the board may prescribe
1-19 courses leading to customary degrees offered at other leading
1-20 American schools of law and may award those degrees.

1-21 (c) Until the University of North Texas at Dallas has been
1-22 administered as a general academic teaching institution for five
1-23 years, the board shall administer the law school as a professional
1-24 school of the system. After that period, the law school shall
1-25 become a professional school of the University of North Texas at
1-26 Dallas. Until the law school becomes a professional school of the
1-27 University of North Texas at Dallas, the law school is entitled to
1-28 formula funding as if the law school were a professional school of a
1-29 general academic teaching institution.

1-30 (d) Before the board establishes a law school under this
1-31 section, but not later than June 1, 2008, the Texas Higher Education
1-32 Coordinating Board shall prepare a feasibility study to determine
1-33 the actions the system must take to obtain accreditation of the law
1-34 school. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
1-35 deliver a copy of the study to the chair of each legislative
1-36 standing committee or subcommittee with jurisdiction over higher
1-37 education.

1-38 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-39 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-40 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-41 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-42 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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