

AN ACT

relating to a feasibility study regarding joint health science courses at a public or private institution of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 61.0661 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.0661. FEASIBILITY STUDY REGARDING JOINT HEALTH SCIENCE COURSES. (a) The board, in consultation with the administrative head or the designee of the administrative head of each state agency that is a member of or otherwise represented on the Health Professions Council and with appropriate representatives of private or independent institutions of higher education, may conduct a study to evaluate the feasibility of a public or private institution of higher education providing courses in which students enrolled in different health science or health profession education programs may enroll to study basic health science curricula together.

(b) If the board conducts the study authorized by Subsection (a), not later than September 30, 2008, the board shall complete the study and based on the study shall submit to the governing body of each public or private institution of higher education that offers health science or health profession education programs, the governor, and the legislature a report that includes any recommendations of the board or the other study participants

1 concerning:

2 (1) whether it is feasible to provide courses  
3 described by Subsection (a);

4 (2) which, if any, such courses should be offered;

5 (3) which, if any, public or private institutions of  
6 higher education or which types of such institutions should offer  
7 the courses; and

8 (4) any other relevant issues the study participants  
9 determine would be helpful in making decisions concerning the  
10 feasibility of offering joint health science courses.

11 (c) This section expires January 1, 2009.

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 141 passed the Senate on April 12, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 25, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 141 passed the House, with amendment, on May 23, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor