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S.B. No. 141

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a feasibility study regarding joint health science
3 courses at public institutions of higher education.

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

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

7 Sec. 61.0661. FEASIBILITY STUDY REGARDING JOINT HEALTH
8 SCIENCE COURSES. (a) The board, in consultation with the
9 administrative head of each state agency that is a member of or
10 otherwise represented on the Health Professions Council or with the
11 administrative head's designee, shall conduct a study to evaluate
12 the feasibility of institutions of higher education providing
13 courses in which students enrolled in different health science or
14 health profession education programs may enroll to study basic
15 health science curricula together.

16 (b) Not later than September 30, 2008, the board shall
17 complete the study required by Subsection (a) and based on the study
18 shall submit to the governing board of each institution of higher
19 education that offers health science or health profession education
20 programs, the governor, and the legislature a report that includes
21 any recommendations of the board or the other study participants
22 concerning:

23 (1) whether it is feasible to provide courses
24 described by Subsection (a);

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

2 (3) which, if any, institutions of higher education or
3 types of institutions of higher education should offer the courses;
4 and

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

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

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