

1-1 By: Nelson S.B. No. 141
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed December 5, 2006; January 29, 2007,
1-3 read first time and referred to Subcommittee on Higher Education;
1-4 March 28, 2007, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute from Committee on Education by the following vote:
1-6 Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 28, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 141 By: West

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to a feasibility study regarding joint health science
1-11 courses at a public or private institution of higher education.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is
1-14 amended by adding Section 61.0661 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 61.0661. FEASIBILITY STUDY REGARDING JOINT HEALTH
1-16 SCIENCE COURSES. (a) The board, in consultation with the
1-17 administrative head or the designee of the administrative head of
1-18 each state agency that is a member of or otherwise represented on
1-19 the Health Professions Council and with appropriate
1-20 representatives of private or independent institutions of higher
1-21 education, shall conduct a study to evaluate the feasibility of a
1-22 public or private institution of higher education providing courses
1-23 in which students enrolled in different health science or health
1-24 profession education programs may enroll to study basic health
1-25 science curricula together.

1-26 (b) Not later than September 30, 2008, the board shall
1-27 complete the study required by Subsection (a) and based on the study
1-28 shall submit to the governing body of each public or private
1-29 institution of higher education that offers health science or
1-30 health profession education programs, the governor, and the
1-31 legislature a report that includes any recommendations of the board
1-32 or the other study participants concerning:

1-33 (1) whether it is feasible to provide courses
1-34 described by Subsection (a);

1-35 (2) which, if any, such courses should be offered;

1-36 (3) which, if any, public or private institutions of
1-37 higher education or which types of such institutions should offer
1-38 the courses; and

1-39 (4) any other relevant issues the study participants
1-40 determine would be helpful in making decisions concerning the
1-41 feasibility of offering joint health science courses.

1-42 (c) This section expires January 1, 2009.

1-43 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-44 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-45 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-46 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-47 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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