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S.B. No. 649

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 649:

By: Howard of Travis

C.S.S.B. No. 649

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a study by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating
3 Board concerning the effectiveness of joint partnerships between
4 institutions of higher education.

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

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

8 Sec. 61.0661. STUDY OF JOINT PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN
9 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. (a) The board may conduct a
10 study to determine whether institutions of higher education,
11 including component institutions of different university systems,
12 may effectively enter into joint partnership agreements to:

13 (1) develop joint degree programs and joint research
14 programs;

15 (2) make joint appointments of faculty or other
16 personnel to the partnership and to either or both institutions;
17 and

18 (3) maintain joint facilities for purposes of
19 conducting joint programs described by Subdivision (1).

20 (b) If the board conducts a study under Subsection (a), the
21 board shall report to the legislature concerning the results of the
22 study not later than January 1, 2009. The report must include the
23 board's recommendations for implementing effective joint
24 partnerships between institutions of higher education.

1 (c) The board may take action under this section only to the
2 extent existing resources are available for that purpose.

3 (d) This section expires June 1, 2009.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.