

1-1 By: Shapleigh S.B. No. 649  
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1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to requiring the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board  
1-11 to conduct a study concerning the effectiveness of joint  
1-12 partnerships between institutions of higher education.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is  
1-15 amended by adding Section 61.0661 to read as follows:

1-16 Sec. 61.0661. STUDY OF JOINT PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN  
1-17 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. (a) The board shall conduct a  
1-18 study to determine whether institutions of higher education,  
1-19 including component institutions of different university systems,  
1-20 may effectively enter into joint partnership agreements to:

1-21 (1) develop joint degree programs and joint research  
1-22 programs;

1-23 (2) make joint appointments of faculty or other  
1-24 personnel to the partnership and to either or both institutions;  
1-25 and

1-26 (3) maintain joint facilities for purposes of  
1-27 conducting joint programs described by Subdivision (1).

1-28 (b) Not later than January 1, 2009, the board shall report  
1-29 to the legislature concerning the results of the study conducted  
1-30 under Subsection (a). The report must include the board's  
1-31 recommendations for implementing effective joint partnerships  
1-32 between institutions of higher education.

1-33 (c) The board shall use existing resources to perform duties  
1-34 imposed under this section.

1-35 (d) This section expires June 1, 2009.

1-36 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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