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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1007 By: West

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

1-10 relating to student representation on the Texas Higher Education
1-11 Coordinating Board and certain coordinating board advisory
1-12 committees.

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

1-14 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 61, Education Code, is
1-15 amended by adding Section 61.0225 to read as follows:

1-16 Sec. 61.0225. NONVOTING STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE. (a) In
1-17 this section:

1-18 (1) "Board" means the Texas Higher Education
1-19 Coordinating Board or its successor agency.

1-20 (2) "Student government" means the representative
1-21 student organization directly elected by the student body of an
1-22 institution of higher education.

1-23 (b) A student representative shall be appointed to the
1-24 board. The student representative is not a state officer. Except
1-25 as otherwise provided by this section, the appointment of a student
1-26 representative to the board shall be made in the same manner as a
1-27 student regent is appointed under Section 51.355(c). The student
1-28 representative to the board serves a term that is the same as the
1-29 term of a student regent appointed under Section 51.355.

1-30 (c) The board shall develop a uniform application form to be
1-31 used by each institution of higher education to solicit applicants
1-32 for the position of student representative to the board.

1-33 (d) For an institution of higher education that is not part
1-34 of a university system, the president of the institution, from
1-35 among the applicants selected as the student government's
1-36 recommendations for the position of student representative to the
1-37 board, shall select two or more applicants as the institution's
1-38 recommendations for the position and send the applications of those
1-39 applicants to the governor in accordance with the deadline
1-40 established under Section 51.355(c) for a chancellor to send
1-41 applications to the governor for a student regent.

1-42 (e) A student representative to the board must meet the
1-43 minimum requirements prescribed by Section 51.355(d) for a student
1-44 regent, as those requirements apply to an institution of higher
1-45 education.

1-46 (f) The student representative has the same powers and
1-47 duties as the members of the board, including the right to attend
1-48 and participate in meetings of the board, except that the student
1-49 representative:

1-50 (1) may not vote on any matter before the board or make
1-51 or second any motion before the board; and

1-52 (2) is not counted in determining whether a quorum
1-53 exists for a meeting of the board or in determining the outcome of
1-54 any vote of the board.

1-55 (g) The student representative serves without pay but shall
1-56 be reimbursed for the actual expenses incurred by the student
1-57 representative in attending the meetings of the board or in
1-58 attending to other work of the board when that work is approved by
1-59 the chairman of the board.

1-60 (h) The student government of the institution of higher
1-61 education at which a current student representative was enrolled at
1-62 the time of the student representative's appointment may not
1-63 solicit applicants for the position of student representative for

2-1 the next regular term of the position.

2-2 (i) A vacancy in the position of student representative
2-3 shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the
2-4 governor.

2-5 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is
2-6 amended by adding Section 61.071 to read as follows:

2-7 Sec. 61.071. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES ON CERTAIN BOARD
2-8 ADVISORY COMMITTEES. (a) In this section:

2-9 (1) "Board" means the Texas Higher Education
2-10 Coordinating Board or its successor agency.

2-11 (2) "Student government" means the representative
2-12 student organization directly elected by the student body of an
2-13 institution of higher education.

2-14 (b) Not later than August 1 of each year, the board shall
2-15 provide the following to each institution of higher education:

2-16 (1) a list of available positions for student
2-17 representatives on board advisory committees, the effective terms
2-18 of those positions, and the duties and requirements for each
2-19 position;

2-20 (2) a maximum number of nominees determined by the
2-21 board allowed to be submitted by each institution for each
2-22 position; and

2-23 (3) an application form for appointment to an advisory
2-24 committee.

2-25 (c) Not later than September 1 of each year, the president
2-26 of each institution of higher education shall establish a
2-27 nomination process for the available positions for student
2-28 representatives on board advisory committees and shall solicit
2-29 student applications from which the president may select a number
2-30 of applicants for those positions, not to exceed the maximum number
2-31 designated by the board for each position.

2-32 (d) Not later than December 1, the president shall forward
2-33 the applications of the nominees selected by the president to the
2-34 board for consideration. Not later than February 1, the board shall
2-35 appoint a total of not less than four student representatives to
2-36 designated advisory committees of the board, including the Common
2-37 Application Advisory Committee, the Distance Education Advisory
2-38 Committee, the Financial Aid Advisory Committee, the Undergraduate
2-39 Education Advisory Committee, the Transfer Issues Advisory
2-40 Committee, or any other advisory committee created to address the
2-41 needs of higher education, including committees addressing
2-42 financial aid, student services, and undergraduate education
2-43 needs.

2-44 (e) A student representative on an advisory committee must
2-45 meet minimum requirements prescribed by Section 51.355(d) for a
2-46 nonvoting student regent, as those requirements apply to an
2-47 institution of higher education.

2-48 (f) A student representative on an advisory committee has
2-49 the same powers and duties as the members of the advisory committee,
2-50 including the right to attend and participate in meetings of the
2-51 committee, except that the student representative:

2-52 (1) may not vote on any matter before the committee or
2-53 make or second any motion before the committee; and

2-54 (2) is not counted in determining whether a quorum
2-55 exists for a meeting of the committee or in determining the outcome
2-56 of any vote of the committee.

2-57 (g) A student representative on an advisory committee
2-58 serves without pay.

2-59 (h) A vacancy in the position of student representative on
2-60 an advisory committee shall be filled for the unexpired term by
2-61 appointment by the board.

2-62 SECTION 3. The initial term of a student representative
2-63 appointed to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board under
2-64 Section 61.0225, Education Code, as added by this Act, or for a
2-65 coordinating board advisory committee under Section 61.071,
2-66 Education Code, as added by this Act, expires May 31, 2009. The
2-67 appropriate student governments, the president of each institution
2-68 of higher education, the coordinating board, and the governor shall
2-69 take the actions required by Sections 61.0225 and 61.071, Education

3-1 Code, as added by this Act, as soon as practicable after this Act
3-2 takes effect to select the initial student representative to the
3-3 coordinating board and the initial student representatives on
3-4 advisory committees of the coordinating board.

3-5 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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