

Amend CSSB 956 (house committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering the remaining SECTIONS of the bill to read as follows:

SECTION _____. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 61.0665 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.0665. STUDY REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF LAW SCHOOLS.

(a) The board shall conduct a study to examine the need for and feasibility of establishing a public law school in areas of the state where a law school is not located, including the Texas-Mexico border region. The study shall be conducted using the same criteria used for determining the need for and feasibility of establishing the University of North Texas College of Law.

(b) Not later than November 1, 2010, the board shall report the results of the study required by Subsection (a) to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and presiding officer of each legislative standing committee with primary jurisdiction over higher education.

(c) This section expires January 31, 2011.