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H.B. No. 746

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to making underused classrooms of public institutions of higher education available for use by other public colleges and universities.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.975 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.975. SHARING OF UNDERUSED CLASSROOMS. (a) A public institution of higher education shall make the institution's classrooms not scheduled for use by the institution or by students, student organizations, or faculty of the institution between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. on one or more weekdays available for that day to another public institution of higher education on request for teaching courses in the core curriculum, as defined by Section 61.821, or continuing education courses.

(b) An institution of higher education may not impose a charge on another institution for the use of a classroom under this section.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.