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H.B. No. 3294

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to assessing the effectiveness of certain developmental
3 education courses for students enrolled in public institutions of
4 higher education.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 51.3062, Education Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (o-1) to read as follows:

8 (o-1) As part of its evaluation under Subsection (o), the
9 board shall examine the success rates of students taking
10 developmental coursework through alternative methods to
11 traditional semester-long courses, including through intensive or
12 flexible courses of substantially shorter duration, and shall
13 compare those success rates with the success rates of students
14 taking developmental coursework through traditional courses. In
15 comparing success rates, the board shall analyze student
16 performance on subsequent assessment instruments and academic
17 coursework and student retention and degree program completion
18 rates. The board shall periodically make recommendations to each
19 institution of higher education regarding developmental coursework
20 offered through alternative methods based on the board's evaluation
21 under this subsection.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.