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H.B. No. 4149

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study and report by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board regarding achievable cost-saving measures at public institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 61.0664 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.0664. STUDY OF ACHIEVABLE COST-SAVING MEASURES; REPORT. (a) The board shall conduct a study to identify achievable cost-saving measures in the operations of institutions of higher education. The study must include examination of potential cost-savings relating to the following aspects of institutional operations:

(1) facility utilization, including scheduling weekend and evening classes;

(2) staffing;

(3) the delivery of instruction and other educational services, including through distance learning;

(4) management practices;

(5) efforts to promote timely graduation of students;

(6) energy use;

(7) purchasing; and

(8) facility construction, acquisition, and maintenance.

1 (b) Not later than December 1, 2010, the board shall report
2 the results of the study required by Subsection (a) to the governor,
3 lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and
4 presiding officer for each legislative standing committee with
5 primary jurisdiction over higher education. The report must
6 include:

7 (1) the board's recommendations concerning
8 cost-saving measures that are achievable at institutions of higher
9 education; and

10 (2) an estimate of the amount of money that would be
11 saved during a five-year period through the implementation of each
12 recommendation.

13 (c) This section expires January 31, 2011.

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