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S.B. No. 1729

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the terms of student members of certain Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board advisory committees.

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

SECTION 1. Section 61.071, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (b), (c), and (d) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

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

(1) a list of available positions for student representatives on board advisory committees, the effective term of each [~~terms~~] of those positions, and the duties and requirements for each position;

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

(3) an application form for appointment to an advisory committee.

(b-1) The term of a student representative on a board advisory committee may not be less than two years.

(c) Not later than September 1 of each odd-numbered year, the president of each institution of higher education shall establish a nomination process for the available positions for

1 student representatives on board advisory committees and shall
2 solicit student applications from which the president may select a
3 number of applicants for those positions, not to exceed the maximum
4 number designated by the board for each position.

5 (d) Not later than the following December 1, the president
6 shall forward the applications of the nominees selected by the
7 president to the board for consideration. Not later than the
8 following February 1, the board shall appoint a total of not fewer
9 [~~less~~] than four student representatives to designated advisory
10 committees of the board, including the Common Application Advisory
11 Committee, the Distance Education Advisory Committee, the
12 Financial Aid Advisory Committee, the Undergraduate Education
13 Advisory Committee, the Transfer Issues Advisory Committee, or any
14 other advisory committee created to address the needs of higher
15 education, including committees addressing financial aid, student
16 services, and undergraduate education needs.

17 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act to Section
18 61.071, Education Code, apply only to the term of a student member
19 of a Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board advisory committee
20 appointed under that section on or after the effective date of this
21 Act. This Act does not affect the term of a student member of a
22 Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board advisory committee
23 serving on the effective date of this Act.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.