

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 1729  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2009; March 20, 2009, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;  
1-4 April 16, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5,  
1-5 Nays 0; April 16, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the terms of student members of certain Texas Higher  
1-9 Education Coordinating Board advisory committees.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 61.071, Education Code, is amended by  
1-12 amending Subsections (b), (c), and (d) and adding Subsection (b-1)  
1-13 to read as follows:

1-14 (b) Not later than August 1 of each odd-numbered year, the  
1-15 board shall provide the following to each institution of higher  
1-16 education:

1-17 (1) a list of available positions for student  
1-18 representatives on board advisory committees, the effective term of  
1-19 each [~~terms~~] of those positions, and the duties and requirements  
1-20 for each position;

1-21 (2) a maximum number of nominees determined by the  
1-22 board allowed to be submitted by each institution for each  
1-23 position; and

1-24 (3) an application form for appointment to an advisory  
1-25 committee.

1-26 (b-1) The term of a student representative on a board  
1-27 advisory committee may not be less than two years.

1-28 (c) Not later than September 1 of each odd-numbered year,  
1-29 the president of each institution of higher education shall  
1-30 establish a nomination process for the available positions for  
1-31 student representatives on board advisory committees and shall  
1-32 solicit student applications from which the president may select a  
1-33 number of applicants for those positions, not to exceed the maximum  
1-34 number designated by the board for each position.

1-35 (d) Not later than the following December 1, the president  
1-36 shall forward the applications of the nominees selected by the  
1-37 president to the board for consideration. Not later than the  
1-38 following February 1, the board shall appoint a total of not fewer  
1-39 [~~less~~] than four student representatives to designated advisory  
1-40 committees of the board, including the Common Application Advisory  
1-41 Committee, the Distance Education Advisory Committee, the  
1-42 Financial Aid Advisory Committee, the Undergraduate Education  
1-43 Advisory Committee, the Transfer Issues Advisory Committee, or any  
1-44 other advisory committee created to address the needs of higher  
1-45 education, including committees addressing financial aid, student  
1-46 services, and undergraduate education needs.

1-47 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act to Section  
1-48 61.071, Education Code, apply only to the term of a student member  
1-49 of a Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board advisory committee  
1-50 appointed under that section on or after the effective date of this  
1-51 Act. This Act does not affect the term of a student member of a  
1-52 Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board advisory committee  
1-53 serving on the effective date of this Act.

1-54 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-55 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-56 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-57 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-58 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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