

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Many colleges and universities complain about the amount and cost of reporting requirements. This issue was the focus of several Senate Higher Education Committee hearings. No one appeared to have a grasp on the number of reports, potential duplication, or use of the reports. This legislation would eliminate certain reporting requirements based on recommendations received from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB).

This bill would eliminate four reporting requirements, including the Uniform Retention and Recruitment Strategy, the Report for the Geography Advisory Committee, and the Consolidated Public and Community College Strategic Plan. Additionally, the bill would exempt medical and dentals schools from reporting Texas Success Initiative (TSI) student readiness figures required under Section 51.3062 (Success Initiative), Government Code.

As proposed, S.B. 282 amends current law relating to eliminating certain reporting, planning, student developmental, and other requirements imposed on the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board or public institutions of higher education.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 51.3062, Education Code, by adding Subsection (a-1), to provide that this section does not apply to a medical and dental unit.

SECTION 2. Repealer: Section 61.086 (Uniform Recruitment and Retention Strategy), Education Code.

Repealer: Section 61.9685 (Reporting), Education Code.

Repealer: Section 2056.011 (Consolidated Public Junior and Community College Plan), Government Code.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2011.