

Suspending limitations on conference committee  
jurisdiction, S.B. No. 1534 (Shapiro/J. Davis of Harris)

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H.R. No. 2611

R E S O L U T I O N

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of  
2 Texas, 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, That House Rule 13,  
3 Section 9(a), be suspended in part as provided by House Rule 13,  
4 Section 9(f), to enable the conference committee appointed to  
5 resolve the differences on Senate Bill 1534 (the operation,  
6 certification, and accountability of career schools or colleges) to  
7 consider and take action on the following matter:

8 House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(4), is suspended to permit the  
9 committee to add text on a matter not included in either the house  
10 or senate version of the bill by adding the following new SECTION to  
11 the bill:

12 SECTION 1. Section 61.0904, Education Code, is amended to  
13 read as follows:

14 Sec. 61.0904. REVIEW OF INSTITUTIONAL GROUPINGS. (a) At  
15 least once every 10 years, the board shall conduct a review of the  
16 institutional groupings under the board's higher education  
17 accountability system, including a review of the criteria for and  
18 definitions assigned to those groupings.

19 (b) The board shall include within the board's higher  
20 education accountability system any career schools and colleges in  
21 this state that offer degree programs. Regardless of whether the  
22 board is conducting a periodic review of institutional groupings as  
23 required by Subsection (a), the board shall determine whether to  
24 create one or more separate institutional groupings for entities to

1 which this subsection applies. In implementing this subsection,  
2 the board shall:

3 (1) consult with affected career schools and colleges  
4 regarding the imposition of reporting requirements on those  
5 entities; and

6 (2) adopt rules that clearly define the types and  
7 amounts of information to be reported to the board.

8 (c) In advance of each regular session of the legislature,  
9 the board shall report to each standing legislative committee with  
10 primary jurisdiction over higher education regarding any entities  
11 to which Subsection (b) applies that do not participate in the  
12 board's higher education accountability system as provided by that  
13 subsection.

14 Explanation: The addition of text is necessary to authorize  
15 and direct the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to include  
16 career schools and colleges in the board's higher education  
17 accountability system.