

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 36  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 8, 2010; January 31, 2011,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;  
1-4 March 17, 2011, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6,  
1-5 Nays 0; March 17, 2011, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to methods for increasing student success and degree  
1-9 completion at public institutions of higher education.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is  
1-12 amended by adding Section 61.077 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 61.077. ACADEMIC ADVISING ASSESSMENT. (a) The board  
1-14 shall establish a method for assessing the quality and  
1-15 effectiveness of academic advising services available to students  
1-16 at each institution of higher education. In establishing the  
1-17 method of assessment, the board shall consult with representatives  
1-18 from institutions of higher education, including academic advisors  
1-19 and other professionals the board considers appropriate.

1-20 (b) The method of assessment established under this section  
1-21 must:

1-22 (1) include the use of student surveys; and

1-23 (2) identify objective, quantifiable measures for  
1-24 determining the quality and effectiveness of academic advising  
1-25 services at an institution of higher education.

1-26 (c) Not later than September 1, 2012, the board shall  
1-27 establish a method of assessment as required by this section. This  
1-28 subsection expires October 1, 2012.

1-29 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-30 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-31 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-32 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-33 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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