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S.B. No. 1020

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a feasibility study regarding the establishment of a  
3 dental school at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center  
4 at El Paso.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 61.0666 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 61.0666. STUDY REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF DENTAL  
9 SCHOOL; EL PASO. (a) The board shall conduct a study to examine  
10 the need for and feasibility of establishing a dental school in El  
11 Paso as a component of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences  
12 Center. The board shall consult with the board of regents of the  
13 Texas Tech University System in conducting the study.

14 (b) Not later than November 1, 2012, the board shall report  
15 the results of the study required by this section to the governor,  
16 lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and  
17 presiding officer of each legislative standing committee with  
18 primary jurisdiction over higher education.

19 (c) This section expires January 31, 2013.

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