

Suspending limitations on conference committee
jurisdiction, S.B. No. 1534

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S.R. No. 1227

SENATE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, That Senate Rule 12.03 be suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on Senate Bill 1534 (the operation, certification, and accountability of career schools or colleges) to consider and take action on the following matter:

Senate Rule 12.03(4) is suspended to permit the committee to add text on a matter not included in either the house or senate version of the bill by adding the following new SECTION to the bill:

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

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

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

groupings for entities to which this subsection applies. In implementing this subsection, the board shall:

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

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

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

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

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 28, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate