

1-1 By: Branch, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 31
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2013;
1-3 May 7, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher
1-4 Education; May 17, 2013, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0;
1-6 May 17, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 31 By: Zaffirini

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to certain requirements applicable to meetings of the
1-20 governing board of a general academic teaching institution or a
1-21 state university system.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 551, Government Code, is
1-24 amended by adding Section 551.1281 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 551.1281. GOVERNING BOARD OF GENERAL ACADEMIC TEACHING
1-26 INSTITUTION OR UNIVERSITY SYSTEM: INTERNET POSTING OF MEETING
1-27 MATERIALS AND BROADCAST OF OPEN MEETING. (a) In this section,
1-28 "general academic teaching institution" and "university system"
1-29 have the meanings assigned by Section 61.003, Education Code.

1-30 (b) The governing board of a general academic teaching
1-31 institution or of a university system that includes one or more
1-32 component general academic teaching institutions, for any
1-33 regularly scheduled meeting of the governing board for which notice
1-34 is required under this chapter, shall:

1-35 (1) post as early as practicable in advance of the
1-36 meeting on the Internet website of the institution or university
1-37 system, as applicable, any written agenda and related supplemental
1-38 written materials provided to the governing board members in
1-39 advance of the meeting by the institution or system for the members'
1-40 use during the meeting;

1-41 (2) broadcast the meeting, other than any portions of
1-42 the meeting closed to the public as authorized by law, over the
1-43 Internet in the manner prescribed by Section 551.128; and

1-44 (3) record the broadcast and make that recording
1-45 publicly available in an online archive located on the
1-46 institution's or university system's Internet website.

1-47 (c) Subsection (b)(1) does not apply to written materials
1-48 that the general counsel or other appropriate attorney for the
1-49 institution or university system certifies are confidential or may
1-50 be withheld from public disclosure under Chapter 552.

1-51 (d) The governing board of a general academic teaching
1-52 institution or of a university system is not required to comply with
1-53 the requirements of this section if that compliance is not possible
1-54 because of an act of God, force majeure, or a similar cause not
1-55 reasonably within the governing board's control.

1-56 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-57 to a meeting of the governing board of a general academic teaching
1-58 institution or of a state university system for which notice is
1-59 given under Chapter 551, Government Code, on or after January 1,
1-60 2014.

2-1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-5 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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