

By: Branch

H.B. No. 2059

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to requiring general academic teaching institutions to  
3 study and report the feasibility of certain administrative staff  
4 budget reductions.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 51, Education Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 51.407 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 51.407. STUDY AND REPORT REGARDING FEASIBILITY OF  
9 CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF BUDGET REDUCTIONS. (a) In this  
10 section:

11 (1) "Administrative staff" does not include any staff  
12 member who directly supports instruction or research at a general  
13 academic teaching institution.

14 (2) "General academic teaching institution" has the  
15 meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

16 (b) Each general academic teaching institution shall  
17 conduct a study to evaluate the feasibility of reducing by 10  
18 percent the portion of the institution's annual operating budget  
19 allocated for administrative staff.

20 (c) Not later than September 1, 2014, each general academic  
21 teaching institution shall complete the study required by  
22 Subsection (b) and submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor,  
23 the speaker of the house of representatives, the presiding officer  
24 of each legislative standing committee with primary jurisdiction

1 over higher education, and the Legislative Budget Board a detailed  
2 report summarizing the results of the study and identifying any  
3 relevant issues the institution determines would be helpful in  
4 making decisions concerning the feasibility of the budget  
5 reduction.

6 (d) Section 51.404 does not apply to a report under this  
7 section.

8 (e) This section expires January 1, 2015.

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