

SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Dutton

H.B. No. 981

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a study by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating
3 Board on the feasibility of establishing a divinity program at
4 Texas Southern University.

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 61.06695 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 61.06695. STUDY ON DIVINITY PROGRAM AT TEXAS SOUTHERN
9 UNIVERSITY. (a) The board shall conduct a study on the feasibility
10 of establishing a divinity program that offers bachelor's,
11 master's, and doctoral degrees at Texas Southern University.

12 (b) Not later than December 1, 2022, the board shall submit
13 to each legislative standing committee with primary jurisdiction
14 over higher education and the board of regents of Texas Southern
15 University a report on the results of the study.

16 (c) This section expires September 1, 2023.

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

ADOPTED

MAY 24 2021

Lately Saw
Secretary of the Senate

By: Dutton (Miles)

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Substitute the following for ___B. No. _____:

By: *[Signature]*

C.S.H.B. No. 981

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 26, 2021

TO: Honorable Dade Phelan, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB981 by Dutton (Relating to a study by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on the feasibility of establishing a religious studies program at Texas Southern University.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Higher Education Coordinating Board to conduct a study on the feasibility of establishing a religious studies program that offers bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees at Texas Southern University. The bill would require the Coordinating Board to submit to each legislative standing committee with primary jurisdiction over higher education and the board of regents of Texas Southern University a report on the results of the study by December 1, 2022. It is assumed any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 717 Texas Southern University, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

LBB Staff: JMc, SD, LBO, GO, JSM

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 19, 2021

TO: Honorable Brandon Creighton, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB981 by Dutton (relating to a study by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on the feasibility of establishing a religious studies program at Texas Southern University.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 18, 2021

TO: Honorable Brandon Creighton, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB981 by Dutton (Relating to a study by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on the feasibility of establishing a divinity program at Texas Southern University.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 13, 2021

TO: Honorable Jim Murphy, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB981 by Dutton (Relating to a study by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on the feasibility of establishing a divinity program at Texas Southern University.), **As Introduced**

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