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For SB 1987

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Sylvia Rodriguez  
Ector County Republican party  
Odessa, TX

I strongly support HB900

Jessica Ijames, Ms.  
Self  
Murphy, TX

I support this bill. The biggest benefit to this bill is that it allows at least some schools to use accreditors that suit their fields rather than generic accreditors currently allowed by THECB. However, other schools can only chose from THECB's somewhat chaotic list of accreditors, requiring them to be overseen by less than ideal accreditors who are or are near unrelated and can't effectively accredit them. Hopefully in future legislation, we can apply this to every school, not just ones that "fit the box".

Hui Sun  
self  
Dallas, TX

I support this bill. This bill will partially open the door for Texas based accrediting agencies, as existing THECB regulations essentially prevent accrediting agencies from forming in Texas. This move will allow Texas to take a larger stage in setting education standards, something we are more capable of doing and need to do, as education and accreditors become more specialized and sophisticated.

I do note, that this is only a partial opening, for schools exempt from THECB. Additional small legislative or THECB rule changes would be required to allow this change within all Texas schools who currently have to select from only 19 accreditors despite there being over BLS 800 occupations.

Guijun Du

Self

Plano, TX

This is a good bill. It gives Texas schools access to higher quality Accreditors than those currently allowed by existing rules. I recommend the following changes:

SECTION 1. Sections 61.003(15)

Remove

- (ii) the Liaison Committee on Medical Education; or
- (iii) the American Bar Association.

Reason: This is redundant. Both are already covered by (i) as recognized accrediting agencies

SECTION 1. Sections 61.003(13)

Change to

(13) "Recognized accrediting agency" means any accreditor recognized by the United States Department of Education

Reason: This ensures equal availability of Accreditors to all Degree granting institutions, and moves inline with most other states.