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S.B. No. 1534

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to a study and report by the Texas Higher Education
3 Coordinating Board regarding health physics education in this
4 state.

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 61.06696 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 61.06696. STUDY AND REPORT ON HEALTH PHYSICS
9 EDUCATION. (a) The board, in collaboration with the Texas
10 Workforce Commission, shall conduct a study on health physics
11 education in this state.

12 (b) The study must:

13 (1) identify gaps in health physics training programs
14 provided by institutions of higher education; and

15 (2) assess workforce needs in the nuclear energy and
16 radiological safety sectors.

17 (c) Not later than December 1, 2026, the board shall prepare
18 and submit to each standing committee of the senate and house of
19 representatives having primary jurisdiction over higher education
20 or workforce development a written report that:

21 (1) summarizes the results of the study conducted
22 under this section; and

23 (2) includes recommendations for legislative or other
24 action based on the results of the study.

1 (d) This section expires September 1, 2027.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.