

1-1 By: Zaffirini, Parker S.B. No. 1534
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 21, 2025; March 6, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Economic Development;
1-4 April 16, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5,
1-5 Nays 0; April 16, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			

1-13 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-14 AN ACT

1-15 relating to a study and report by the Texas Higher Education
1-16 Coordinating Board regarding health physics education in this
1-17 state.

1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-19 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is
1-20 amended by adding Section 61.06696 to read as follows:

1-21 Sec. 61.06696. STUDY AND REPORT ON HEALTH PHYSICS
1-22 EDUCATION. (a) The board, in collaboration with the Texas
1-23 Workforce Commission, shall conduct a study on health physics
1-24 education in this state.

1-25 (b) The study must:

1-26 (1) identify gaps in health physics training programs
1-27 provided by institutions of higher education; and

1-28 (2) assess workforce needs in the nuclear energy and
1-29 radiological safety sectors.

1-30 (c) Not later than December 1, 2026, the board shall prepare
1-31 and submit to each standing committee of the senate and house of
1-32 representatives having primary jurisdiction over higher education
1-33 or workforce development a written report that:

1-34 (1) summarizes the results of the study conducted
1-35 under this section; and

1-36 (2) includes recommendations for legislative or other
1-37 action based on the results of the study.

1-38 (d) This section expires September 1, 2027.

1-39 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-40 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-41 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-42 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-43 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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