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S.B. No. 1729

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

# 1 AN ACT

2 relating to the terms of student members of certain Texas Higher  
3 Education Coordinating Board advisory committees.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 61.071, Education Code, is amended by  
6 amending Subsections (b), (c), and (d) and adding Subsection (b-1)  
7 to read as follows:

8                   (b) Not later than August 1 of each odd-numbered year, the  
9 board shall provide the following to each institution of higher  
10 education:

11 (1) a list of available positions for student  
12 representatives on board advisory committees, the effective term of  
13 each [~~terms~~] of those positions, and the duties and requirements  
14 for each position;

15 (2) a maximum number of nominees determined by the  
16 board allowed to be submitted by each institution for each  
17 position; and

18 (3) an application form for appointment to an advisory  
19 committee.

20                    (b-1) The term of a student representative on a board  
21 advisory committee may not be less than two years.

22 (c) Not later than September 1 of each odd-numbered year,  
23 the president of each institution of higher education shall  
24 establish a nomination process for the available positions for

1 student representatives on board advisory committees and shall  
2 solicit student applications from which the president may select a  
3 number of applicants for those positions, not to exceed the maximum  
4 number designated by the board for each position.

5 (d) Not later than the following December 1, the president  
6 shall forward the applications of the nominees selected by the  
7 president to the board for consideration. Not later than the  
8 following February 1, the board shall appoint a total of not fewer  
9 less than four student representatives to designated advisory  
10 committees of the board, including the Common Application Advisory  
11 Committee, the Distance Education Advisory Committee, the  
12 Financial Aid Advisory Committee, the Undergraduate Education  
13 Advisory Committee, the Transfer Issues Advisory Committee, or any  
14 other advisory committee created to address the needs of higher  
15 education, including committees addressing financial aid, student  
16 services, and undergraduate education needs.

17 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act to Section  
18 61.071, Education Code, apply only to the term of a student member  
19 of a Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board advisory committee  
20 appointed under that section on or after the effective date of this  
21 Act. This Act does not affect the term of a student member of a  
22 Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board advisory committee  
23 serving on the effective date of this Act.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.