

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 42
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Higher Education
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties note that the current selection process for student members of the boards of regents of public state university systems and state universities in Texas lacks transparency. S.B. 42 seeks to enhance transparency in the selection process.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

S.B. 42 amends the Education Code to prohibit the governor from appointing a student member of the board of regents of a state university or state university system who did not submit an application to the student government of the university or of a general academic teaching institution or medical and dental unit in the system, respectively.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2015.