

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 645
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Higher Education
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

It has been noted that statutory provisions expanding the membership of the Blinn Junior College District board of trustees to ensure representation for counties served by its branch campuses are currently set to expire at the end of 2019. There have been calls to retain the expanded board structure while providing for a larger candidate pool. H.B. 645 seeks to do so by repealing the expiration date and replacing a requirement for the additional members to be selected from branch campus advisory committees with an authorization for such selections.

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

H.B. 645 amends the Education Code to replace with an authorization the requirement that the additional members appointed to the Blinn Junior College District board of trustees by the commissioners court of each county in which a qualifying branch campus is located be selected from the membership of a previously established advisory committee for the branch campus, if applicable.

H.B. 645 repeals Section 130.0827(d), Education Code, which sets provisions relating to the appointment of additional Blinn Junior College District trustees to expire December 1, 2019.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2019.