

**SUBJECT:** Name change for Texas A&M College of Dentistry

**COMMITTEE:** Higher Education— favorable, without amendment

**VOTE:** 7 ayes — Rangel, Solis, Bailey, Cuellar, Dunnam, Rabuck, E. Reyna  
0 nays  
1 absent — Kamel

**SENATE VOTE:** On final passage, Local and Uncontested Calendar, April 17 — 31-0

**WITNESSES:** None

**DIGEST:** SB 1028 would change the name of the Texas A&M System—Baylor College of Dentistry to the Texas A&M University System—College of Dentistry.  
  
The bill would take immediate effect if finally approved by a record two-thirds vote of the membership in each house.

**SUPPORTERS SAY:** The 74th Legislature transferred oversight of the Baylor College of Dentistry to the Texas A&M University System but failed to change the name of the college to reflect the transfer. Baylor University in Waco owns the trademark “Baylor” and has sole discretion regarding the use of the name; its use by Texas A&M is inconsistent with trademark laws. SB 1028 would simply make a technical correction to the Education Code to conform with trademark laws.

**OPPONENTS SAY:** No apparent opposition.