

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Texas Woman's University and the Institute for Health Science at Texas Woman's University have operated as a system, under one board of regents, for 27 years. However, the Education Code does not specify that the institutions are part of a system. S.B. 1859 would create the Texas Woman's University System and declares the Texas Woman's University Institute of Health Sciences a health-related institution.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 1859 creates the Texas Woman's University System and declares the Texas Woman's University Institute of Health Sciences a health-related institution.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 107, Education Code, by amending the chapter heading, as follows:

CHAPTER 107. New heading: TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

SECTION 2. Amends Chapter 107A, Education Code, by adding Section 107.001, as follows:

Sec. 107.001. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. Sets forth the creation of the Texas Woman's University System (system). Provides that the governance, control, jurisdiction, organization, and management of the system and each component of the system is hereby vested in the present Board of Regents of the Texas Woman's University, which will be known and designated as the Board of Regents of the Texas Woman's University System (board).

SECTION 3. Amends Section 107.42, Education Code, to require the board to appoint a chancellor/president of the university system and other officers and employees of the system and its components it deems proper and to fix their salaries. Requires the board to make rules and regulations for the government of the staff of the system and its components as it deems advisable.

SECTION 4. Amends Section 107.43, Education Code, to provide that the Institute of Health Sciences, part of the system, is hereby declared a health-related institution.

SECTION 5. Emergency clause.

Effective date: upon passage.