

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, many institutions of higher education have within their operating code grounds for removal of a board member. Texas Woman's University does not have such a guideline included in its operating statute. S.B. 77 updates Texas Woman's University's operating code to provide guidelines for removal of a Texas Woman's University board member.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 107B, Education Code, by adding Section 107.211, as follows:

Sec. 107.211. GROUND FOR REMOVAL OF BOARD MEMBER. (a) Provides that it is a ground for removal from the Texas Woman's University Board of Regents (board) if a member commits malfeasance of office; cannot, because of illness or disability, discharge the member's duties for a substantial part of the member's term; or is absent from more than half of the regularly scheduled board meetings that the member is eligible to attend during a calendar year, unless the absence is excused by majority vote of the board.

(b) Provides that the validity of an action of the board is not affected by the fact that it was taken when a ground for removal of a board member existed.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage.