

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, a governing board of a university is not required to adopt standards to help ensure an affordable, accessible, accountable, and high quality system of higher education. As proposed, S.B. 1541 requires each governing board of a university to adopt certain standards and to file an annual performance report of each institution of higher education under its jurisdiction.

### **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 51H, Education Code, by adding Section 51.4015, as follows:

Sec. 51.4015. (a) ACCOUNTABILITY OF, AND REPORTING BY, INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. Defines “institution of higher education,” “governing board,” and “university system.”

(b) Requires each governing board of a university system to adopt standards that measure the performance of each institution of higher education under its jurisdiction, in furtherance of the policies of this state to provide an affordable, accessible, accountable, and high quality system of higher education that prepares individuals for a changing economy and workforce and to promote the development and application of knowledge through instruction, research, and public service.

(c) Requires the standards required by Subsection (b) to include certain provisions.

(d) Requires the governing body of each university to file an annual report of the performance of each institution of higher education under its jurisdiction in meeting the standards adopted under this section. Requires the report to be filed with certain entities. Provides that the report is due February 1 following each academic year.

(e) Provides that the report required by Subsection (d) is the only periodic report of the performance of each institution of higher education required to be made other than a report specifically required by the General Appropriations Act. Provides that the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board is not required to prepare a summary of the report required by this section as otherwise would be required by Section 51.404.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.

Provides that the first report required by Section 51.4015, Education Code, as added by this Act, is due February 1, 2004.