

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) is not required to conduct cost-savings studies for institutions of higher education.

H.B. 4149 relates to a study and report by THECB regarding achievable cost-saving measures at public institutions of higher education.

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 Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, by adding Section 61.0664, as follows:

Sec. 61.0664. STUDY OF ACHIEVABLE COST-SAVING MEASURES; REPORT.

(a) Requires the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to conduct a study to identify achievable cost-saving measures in the management and operation of institutions of higher education.

(b) Requires THECB, not later than January 31, 2011, to report the results of the study required by Subsection (a) to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and presiding officer for each legislative standing committee with primary jurisdiction over higher education. Requires that the report include THECB's recommendations concerning cost-saving measures that are achievable at institutions of higher education and an estimate of the amount of money that would be saved during a five-year period through the implementation of each recommendation.

(c) Provides that this section expires January 31, 2011.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2009.