

1-1 By: Zaffirini, Rodríguez, Watson S.B. No. 947
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 4, 2015; March 9, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;
 1-4 March 18, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5,
 1-5 Nays 1; March 18, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to a study and report by the Texas Higher Education
 1-18 Coordinating Board on the feasibility of providing off-campus
 1-19 employment positions through the Texas college work-study program.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 56, Education Code, is
 1-22 amended by adding Section 56.081 to read as follows:

1-23 Sec. 56.081. STUDY ON FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING OFF-CAMPUS
 1-24 WORK-STUDY EMPLOYMENT. (a) In this section, "public junior
 1-25 college" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

1-26 (b) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
 1-27 conduct a study to examine the feasibility of providing employment
 1-28 positions located off-campus through the Texas college work-study
 1-29 program.

1-30 (c) The study must identify:

1-31 (1) best practices for developing partnerships with
 1-32 employers to provide off-campus employment positions through the
 1-33 work-study program, including best practices learned from other
 1-34 apprenticeship, internship, or mentorship programs in this state or
 1-35 from similar programs in other states;

1-36 (2) any careers or industries that are well-suited for
 1-37 providing off-campus employment positions through the work-study
 1-38 program;

1-39 (3) current barriers that public junior colleges face
 1-40 in developing partnerships with employers to provide off-campus
 1-41 employment positions through the work-study program, including any
 1-42 staffing needs or limitations on the outreach capabilities of those
 1-43 colleges; and

1-44 (4) any public junior colleges that demonstrate strong
 1-45 potential for successful participation in a pilot program to
 1-46 develop partnerships with employers to provide off-campus
 1-47 employment positions through the work-study program.

1-48 (d) Not later than December 1, 2016, the coordinating board
 1-49 shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker
 1-50 of the house of representatives, and the standing legislative
 1-51 committees with primary jurisdiction over higher education a report
 1-52 on the results of the study and any recommendations for legislative
 1-53 or other action.

1-54 (e) This section expires September 1, 2017.

1-55 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-56 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-57 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-58 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-59 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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