

1-1 By: Seliger S.B. No. 1188  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2015; March 17, 2015, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;  
1-4 April 15, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,  
1-5 Nays 0; April 15, 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 on the feasibility of requiring certain  
1-18 researchers to make research papers available to the public.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is  
1-21 amended by adding Section 61.0663 to read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 61.0663. FEASIBILITY STUDY ON COLLECTING PUBLISHED  
1-23 RESEARCH. (a) This section applies only to a researcher whose  
1-24 research is funded wholly or partly with:

1-25 (1) state money; or  
1-26 (2) federal money, if the research is conducted in  
1-27 this state or by an institution of higher education.

1-28 (b) The board, in consultation with institutions of higher  
1-29 education, publishing companies, and any other interested persons  
1-30 the board considers appropriate, shall study the feasibility of  
1-31 requiring each researcher to submit to a state agency an electronic  
1-32 copy of each original research paper by the researcher that is  
1-33 accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal. The study  
1-34 must examine:

1-35 (1) the time requirements for submitting a research  
1-36 paper;

1-37 (2) the manner for making the research paper available  
1-38 to the public, including posting on an Internet website;

1-39 (3) the state agencies that have the resources  
1-40 necessary to collect research papers and coordinate the  
1-41 dissemination of the research papers; and

1-42 (4) federal law requirements on the publication of a  
1-43 research paper by a researcher whose research is funded with  
1-44 federal money.

1-45 (c) Not later than December 1, 2016, the board shall report  
1-46 the results of the study, its findings, and any recommendations to  
1-47 the legislature.

1-48 (d) This section expires September 1, 2017.

1-49 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-50 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-51 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-52 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-53 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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