

1-1 By: Middleton S.B. No. 2533  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2025; April 3, 2025, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education K-16;  
1-4 April 7, 2025, rereferred to Committee on State Affairs;  
1-5 April 15, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-6 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 1; April 15, 2025,  
1-7 sent to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

|                    | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| Hughes             | X   |     |        |     |
| Paxton             | X   |     |        |     |
| Bettencourt        | X   |     |        |     |
| Birdwell           |     |     | X      |     |
| Hall               | X   |     |        |     |
| Hinojosa of Nueces | X   |     |        |     |
| Middleton          | X   |     |        |     |
| Parker             | X   |     |        |     |
| Perry              | X   |     |        |     |
| Schwertner         |     |     | X      |     |
| Zaffirini          |     | X   |        |     |

1-21 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2533 By: Hall

1-22 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-23 AN ACT

1-24 relating to the accreditation of law schools in this state.  
1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
1-26 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is  
1-27 amended by adding Section 51.984 to read as follows:  
1-28 Sec. 51.984. LAW SCHOOL ACCREDITATION. (a) In this  
1-29 section, "institution of higher education" and "private or  
1-30 independent institution of higher education" have the meanings  
1-31 assigned by Section 61.003.  
1-32 (b) A law school at an institution of higher education or  
1-33 private or independent institution of higher education must be  
1-34 accredited by an accreditor recognized by the United States  
1-35 Department of Education or its successor of interest for the  
1-36 purposes of institutional accreditation of law schools.  
1-37 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-38 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-39 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-40 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-41 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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