

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

1-9		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-10	Hughes	X			
1-11	Paxton	X			
1-12	Bettencourt	X			
1-13	Birdwell			X	
1-14	Hall	X			
1-15	Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
1-16	Middleton	X			
1-17	Parker	X			
1-18	Perry	X			
1-19	Schwertner			X	
1-20	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 2, 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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