

By: Branch

H.B. No. 31

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain requirements applicable to meetings of the governing board of a state university or state university system.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 551, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 551.1281 to read as follows:

Sec. 551.1281. GOVERNING BOARD OF GENERAL ACADEMIC TEACHING INSTITUTION OR UNIVERSITY SYSTEM: INTERNET POSTING OF MEETING MATERIALS AND BROADCAST OF OPEN MEETING. (a) In this section, "general academic teaching institution" and "university system" have the meanings assigned by Section 61.003, Education Code.

(b) The governing board of a general academic teaching institution or of a university system that includes one or more component general academic teaching institutions, for any regularly scheduled meeting of the governing board for which notice is required under this chapter, shall:

(1) post as early as practicable in advance of the meeting on the Internet website of the institution or university system, as applicable, any written agenda and related supplemental written materials provided by the institution or system to the board members for the members' use during the meeting; and

(2) broadcast the meeting, other than any portions of the meeting closed to the public as authorized by law, over the Internet in the manner prescribed by Section 551.128.

1        (c) Subsection (b)(1) does not apply to written materials  
2 that the general counsel or other appropriate attorney for the  
3 institution or university system certifies are confidential or may  
4 be withheld from public disclosure under Chapter 552.

5        SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
6 to a meeting of the governing board of a state university or of a  
7 state university system for which notice is given under Chapter  
8 551, Government Code, on or after January 1, 2014.

9        SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.