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- 2 relating to public testimony at regular meetings of the governing
- 3 board of a general academic teaching institution.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 51, Education Code, is 6 amended by adding Section 51.355 to read as follows:
- 7 Sec. 51.355. PUBLIC TESTIMONY AT CERTAIN MEETINGS OF
- 8 GOVERNING BOARDS OF GENERAL ACADEMIC TEACHING INSTITUTIONS.
- 9 (a) In this section, "general academic teaching institution" has
- the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.
- 11 (b) The governing board of each general academic teaching
- 12 <u>institution or of a university system that includes one or more</u>
- 13 component general academic teaching institutions shall adopt a
- 14 policy that allows the public to present, for a reasonable amount of
- 15 time and for any item on the agenda, both written and oral testimony
- 16 at a regular meeting of the board.
- (c) The governing board shall consider the public testimony
- 18 presented to the board on an issue before making a decision on the
- 19 <u>issue</u>.
- SECTION 2. The governing board of each general academic
- 21 teaching institution or university system shall adopt the policy
- required by Section 51.355, Education Code, as added by this Act,
- 23 not later than October 1, 2005.
- SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

- 1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 4 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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President of the Senate	

Speaker of the House

<u>I hereby certify</u> that S.B. No. 511 passed the Senate on April 7, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

<u>I hereby certify</u> that S.B. No. 511 passed the House on May 25, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Governor

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