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1	AN ACT
2	relating to developing a developmental education plan for students
3	entering public institutions of higher education.
4	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
5	SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is
6	amended by adding Section 61.07611 to read as follows:
7	Sec. 61.07611. DEVELOPMENTAL EDUCATION PLAN; REPORT.
8	(a) To serve students who require developmental education in an
9	effective and cost-effective manner, the board shall develop a
10	statewide plan for developmental education to be provided under
11	Section 51.3062 that:
12	(1) assigns primary responsibility for developmental
13	education to public junior colleges, public state colleges, and
14	<pre>public technical institutes; and</pre>
15	(2) provides for using technology, to the greatest
16	extent practicable consistent with best practices, to provide
17	developmental education to students.
18	(b) In developing the developmental education plan, the
19	board shall:
20	(1) research relevant issues related to developmental
21	<pre>education;</pre>
22	(2) study and develop best practices for successful
23	developmental education programs, including through use of pilot
24	programs: and

1	(3) assess various methods of providing developmental
2	education to students to determine which methods, if any, should be
3	implemented on a statewide basis.
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5	(1) technological delivery of developmental education
6	courses that allows students to complete course work;
7	(2) diagnostic assessments to determine a student's
8	specific educational needs to allow for appropriate developmental
9	instruction;
10	(3) modular developmental education course materials;
11	(4) use of tutors and instructional aides to
12	supplement developmental education course instruction as needed
13	for particular students;
14	(5) an internal monitoring mechanism to identify a
15	student's area of academic difficulty;
16	(6) periodic updates of developmental education
17	course materials; and
18	(7) assessments after completion of a developmental
19	education course to determine a student's readiness to enroll in
20	freshman-level academic courses.
21	(d) The developmental education plan must provide for:
22	(1) ongoing training for developmental education
23	program faculty members, tutors, and instructional aides at the
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25	institutions or other locations where those persons provide
	instruction; and
26	(2) ongoing research and improvement of appropriate
27	developmental education programs, including participation by a

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- 1 group of institution of higher education faculty members selected
- 2 by the board, to:
- 3 (A) monitor results of the programs;
- 4 (B) identify successful and unsuccessful program
- 5 components; and
- 6 (C) identify possible solutions to program
- 7 problems.
- 8 (e) Not later than December 1, 2012, the board shall submit
- 9 to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of
- 10 representatives, and presiding officer of each legislative
- 11 standing committee with primary jurisdiction over higher education
- 12 a report concerning the initial development of the developmental
- 13 education plan under this section, including any recommendations
- 14 for redesign or reassignment among institutions of higher education
- 15 of existing programs or implementation of new programs and, if
- 16 appropriate, recommendations for legislation. This subsection
- 17 expires January 1, 2013.
- 18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 22 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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President of the Senate Speaker of the House
I hereby certify that S.B. No. 162 passed the Senate on
April 14, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0
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Secretary of the Senate
I hereby certify that S.B. No. 162 passed the House on
May 23, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, one
present not voting.
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Chief Clerk of the House
Approved:

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