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Senate Gives Final Approval to Creighton's Bold Higher Education Reform Package—Faculty Senates will no longer control our campuses

Austin, Texas— Today, the Texas Senate and Texas House approved the conference committee report on Senate Bill 37, delivering reforms to higher education, ensuring degrees of value for students and taxpayers. Senator Brandon Creighton (R-Conroe) authored the bill and offered the following statement:

“The Texas Senate has officially approved the conference committee report for SB 37—a bold step to ensure our public colleges and universities return to their core mission: education, not indoctrination.

Just as SB 17 eliminated DEI hiring last session, SB 37 now takes on politically charged academic programs and ensures students graduate with degrees of value, not degrees rooted in activism and political indoctrination. I appreciate Representative Matt Shaheen's leadership in advancing this important legislation in the House. Rep. Shaheen considers higher education reform the highest priority, as do I.

This legislation demands real accountability from our institutions by creating curriculum review committees in course offerings, aligning core curriculum with workforce needs, and empowering Texans to report ideological bias or political coercion in the classroom. SB 37 also includes a newly created ombudsman to ensure compliance with other statutes when the legislature is not in session, and defines faculty senates as ‘advisory only’.

Other states have already followed Texas' lead on bold higher education reforms—and they will again with SB 37. Texas isn't just leading the conversation—we're setting the national standard for restoring academic integrity and accountability on college campuses.”

Now that it has been fully vetted and approved by both chambers, Senate Bill 37 will head to Governor Abbott's desk.

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