

By: Rodriguez of Travis

H.B. No. 1049

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1049:

By: Button

C.S.H.B. No. 1049

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the classification of licensed massage therapy programs  
as postsecondary education programs.

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

SECTION 1. Section 455.203, Occupations Code, is amended by  
adding Subsections (e) and (f) to read as follows:

(e) The course of instruction in massage therapy provided by  
a licensed massage school is a postsecondary education program.

(f) A massage school that provides instruction to persons  
beyond the age of compulsory education is authorized to operate  
educational programs in massage therapy at the postsecondary level.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section  
455.203, Occupations Code, does not confer any new or additional  
regulatory authority on the Department of State Health Services or  
prescribe any new or additional requirements for massage schools  
licensed under Chapter 455, Occupations Code.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
Act takes effect September 1, 2015.