

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
Committee Chairman Krier

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Time: Following the Meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee
Place: Bluebonnet Ballroom South, E.H. Hereford University Center,
U. T. Arlington

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RECOMMENDATION

The Chancellor concurs in the recommendation of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs that the U. T. Board of Regents authorize U. T. Austin to set aside 1% of tuition charges for resident law students effective September 1, 2001.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The 77th Texas Legislature enacted Texas Education Code Section 61.961 which requires the governing board of public universities to set aside 1% of tuition charges for resident law students. The tuition set-aside is to be transferred to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts for the purpose of repayment of certain education loans owed by certain State attorneys. To qualify for loan repayment, an attorney must enter into a written contract to serve as an attorney in the Office of the Attorney General of Texas for a period of no less than three years. For FY 2002, the tuition set-aside will be approximately \$55,000 (tuition only). If the Comptroller determines designated tuition is also included, the total set-aside will be \$69,000.

2. U. T. Austin: Request for Approval of Action Related to an Agreement with the Education Commission of the States, Denver, Colorado, and Just for the Kids, Inc., Austin, Texas, to Support a Joint Initiative to Create the National Center on Educational Accountability

RECOMMENDATION

U. T. Austin is currently in negotiations with the Education Commission of the States, Denver, Colorado, and Just for the Kids, Inc., Austin, Texas, to support a joint initiative to create the National Center on Educational Accountability. It is anticipated that a recommendation related to the Center will be ready for review in advance of the August 2001 meeting of the U. T. Board of Regents.