

Texas legislature considers state's 10th law school

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Some Texas state legislators sure are trying hard to open a new law school in the Rio Grande Valley. In 2010 the idea was floated, but the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board questioned the need for another school in the state. In 2011 a bill was introduced to create the new school, but died in the House Higher Education Committee.

Now Reps Eddie Lucio III and Armando Martinez are bringing the idea back. The area is in need of a new medical school, and the two reps want to add a law school to the mix. [

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Anyone familiar with law schools and the legal market of course knows that a new law school is the last thing needed in pretty much any state. Except maybe Alaska, which doesn't even have its first school. But Texas? Texas has 9 schools. And here's how they're performing:

For those not yet familiar with the Law School Transparency methodology, the Employment Score counts full time, permanent jobs that require bar passage, as well as clerkships. Under-Employment includes unemployed, part time, temporary, non-professional, and people tacking on another full time degree. [[Click here to see the full Texas report](#) .]

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	Employment Score	Under-Employment Score	Unknown Score	Class of 2016 Projected Cost Non-Discounted	M P. 10-
▶ Southern Methodist University 83.8% Employed in TX	61.4%*	22.1%	0%	\$261,994	\$3
▶ St. Mary's University 83.5% Employed in TX	66.7%	9.6%	0.8%	\$173,841	\$2
▶ University of Houston 82.9% Employed in TX	58%	14.6%	1.4%	\$165,154 (Resident)	\$1
▶ South Texas College of Law 80.3% Employed in TX	59.2%	13.2%	5.5%	\$178,861	\$2
▶ Texas Tech University 75% Employed in TX	60.5%*	24.5%	0%	\$136,666 (Resident)	\$1
▶ Baylor University 74.5% Employed in TX	68.8%	19.1%	3.8%	\$239,584	\$2
▶ Texas Wesleyan University 68.6% Employed in TX	39.9%	21.5%	17.5%	\$163,131	\$1
▶ Texas Southern University 64.4% Employed in TX	35%	26.4%	3.1%	\$118,084 (Resident)	\$1
▶ University of Texas 62% Employed in TX	68.1%	17%	1%	\$171,638 (Resident)	\$2