

# Texas SB 37: Faculty Rights & Protections

Quick Reference for University of Houston Faculty

## What SB 37 Does

- Required undergraduate coursework reviewed once every 5 years
- Administrators to review undergraduate minors and certificate programs that have low enrollment
- Faculty council becomes expressly advisory (Boards have always had the right to overturn senate votes)
- Schools decide on curricula and degree programs with guidance from board of regents
- Board of regents approves hiring of provosts and can overturn hiring of deans/vice presidents
- President or provost reviews faculty grievances

## What SB 37 Does NOT Do

- **SB 37 cannot violate the First Amendment**
- **SB 37 does not remove academic freedom** (UH Board of Regents Policy 21.03)
- **SB 37 does not remove freedom of expression** (UH Board of Regents Policy 21.12)
- **SB 37 does not alter individual college bylaws**