

1-1 By: Kolkhorst S.B. No. 810
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 25, 2021; March 11, 2021,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;
 1-4 April 22, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 22, 2021,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-11 | X | | | |
| 1-12 | X | | | |
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 810 By: Springer

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the course information required to be posted on a public
 1-22 institution of higher education's Internet website.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 51.974, Education Code, is amended by
 1-25 amending Subsections (a), (b), (f), and (g) and adding Subsection
 1-26 (f-1) to read as follows:

1-27 (a) Each institution of higher education, other than a
 1-28 medical and dental unit, as defined by Section 61.003, shall make
 1-29 available to the public on the institution's Internet website the
 1-30 following information for each ~~undergraduate~~ classroom course
 1-31 offered for credit by the institution:

1-32 (1) a syllabus that:

1-33 (A) satisfies any standards adopted by the
 1-34 institution;

1-35 (B) provides a brief description of each major
 1-36 course requirement, including each major assignment and
 1-37 examination;

1-38 (C) lists any required or recommended reading;
 1-39 and

1-40 (D) provides a general description of the subject
 1-41 matter of each lecture or discussion;

1-42 (2) a curriculum vitae of each regular instructor that
 1-43 lists the instructor's:

1-44 (A) postsecondary education;

1-45 (B) teaching experience; and

1-46 (C) significant professional publications; and

1-47 (3) if available, a departmental budget report of the
 1-48 department under which the course is offered, from the most recent
 1-49 semester or other academic term during which the institution
 1-50 offered the course.

1-51 (b) The information required by Subsection (a) must be:

1-52 (1) accessible from the institution's Internet website
 1-53 home page ~~[by use of not more than three links]~~;

1-54 (2) clearly labeled as "public course and syllabus
 1-55 information";

1-56 (3) searchable by keywords and phrases; and

1-57 (4) ~~(+3)~~ accessible to the public without requiring
 1-58 registration or use of a user name, a password, or another user
 1-59 identification.

1-60 (f) Not later than January 1 of each odd-numbered year, each

2-1 institution of higher education shall submit a written report
2-2 regarding the institution's compliance with this section to the
2-3 governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of
2-4 representatives, ~~and~~ the presiding officer of each legislative
2-5 standing committee with primary jurisdiction over higher
2-6 education, and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

2-7 (f-1) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
2-8 monitor each institution of higher education to determine whether
2-9 the institution is in substantial compliance with this section and
2-10 make available to the public on the coordinating board's Internet
2-11 website:

2-12 (1) a list indicating whether each institution of
2-13 higher education is in substantial compliance with this section;
2-14 and

2-15 (2) a copy of each report submitted to the
2-16 coordinating board under Subsection (f).

2-17 (g) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board may adopt
2-18 rules necessary to administer this section, including rules to
2-19 ensure substantial compliance with this section.

2-20 SECTION 2. Section 51.974, Education Code, as amended by
2-21 this Act, applies beginning with the 2022 spring semester.

2-22 SECTION 3. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board is
2-23 required to implement Section 51.974(f-1), Education Code, as added
2-24 by this Act, only if the legislature appropriates money
2-25 specifically for that purpose. If the legislature does not
2-26 appropriate money specifically for that purpose, the coordinating
2-27 board may, but is not required to, implement that subsection using
2-28 other appropriations available for that purpose.

2-29 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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