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S.B. No. 1677

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to eliminating certain reporting and posting requirements  
3 for public institutions of higher education and other state  
4 agencies and the requirement for a plan by certain school districts  
5 to increase enrollment in public institutions of higher education.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 51.402(b), Education Code, is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 (b) The governing board of each institution of higher  
10 education in the state shall adopt rules and regulations concerning  
11 faculty academic workloads. In adopting rules under this  
12 subsection, each institution shall recognize that classroom  
13 teaching, basic and applied research, and professional development  
14 are important elements of faculty academic workloads by giving  
15 appropriate weight to each activity when determining the standards  
16 for faculty academic workload. An institution may give the same or  
17 different weight to each activity and to other activities  
18 recognized by the institution as important elements of faculty  
19 academic workloads. ~~[The established rules and regulations of each  
20 institution shall be included in the operating budgets of each  
21 institution.]~~

22 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 61, Education Code, is  
23 amended by adding Section 61.0341 to read as follows:

24 Sec. 61.0341. LIMITATION ON DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING

1 REQUIREMENTS. (a) The legislature finds that data collection and  
2 reporting requirements for institutions of higher education must be  
3 limited and reduced to the extent feasible.

4 (b) If the commissioner of higher education determines that  
5 the board has access to an alternative means of collecting data or  
6 receiving information to be included in a report sufficient to  
7 fulfill a requirement under this code, the board by rule may  
8 eliminate the reporting requirement for that data or information.

9 SECTION 3. Section 659.0201(b), Government Code, is amended  
10 to read as follows:

11 (b) A state agency that accepts a gift, grant, donation, or  
12 other consideration from a person that the person designates to be  
13 used as a salary supplement for an employee of the agency shall post  
14 on the agency's Internet website[~~, in addition to the information~~  
15 ~~required by Section 659.026,~~] the amount of each gift, grant,  
16 donation, or other consideration provided by the person that is  
17 designated to be used as a salary supplement for an employee of the  
18 agency. The agency may not post the name of the person.

19 SECTION 4. The following provisions are repealed:

- 20 (1) Sections 29.904 and 51.4031, Education Code; and  
21 (2) Section 659.026, Government Code.

22 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.