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S.B. No. 1963

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a transferability report card for public institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter 2, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.96854 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.96854. TRANSFERABILITY REPORT CARD. (a) In this section:

(1) "Coordinating board" means the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

(2) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

(b) Not later than March 1 of each year, an institution of higher education shall post on the institution's Internet website a transferability report card that indicates for the preceding academic year:

(1) the total number of semester credit hours or the equivalent for which undergraduate students transferring to the institution applied for transfer credit; and

(2) the percentage of the semester credit hours or the equivalent described by Subdivision (1) for which students received transfer credit.

(c) The coordinating board, in consultation with institutions of higher education, shall develop a model

1 transferability report card for use under Subsection (b).

2 (d) Not later than April 1 of each year, the coordinating
3 board shall post on the coordinating board's Internet website a
4 list of each institution of higher education's transferability
5 percentage described by Subsection (b)(2).

6 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
7 of this Act, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
8 develop the model transferability report card required under
9 Section 51.96854(c), Education Code, as added by this Act.

10 SECTION 3. (a) Not later than March 1, 2022, each public
11 institution of higher education shall post on the institution's
12 Internet website the initial transferability report card required
13 under Section 51.96854(b), Education Code, as added by this Act.

14 (b) Not later than April 1, 2022, the Texas Higher Education
15 Coordinating Board shall post on the board's Internet website the
16 initial list required under Section 51.96854(d), Education Code, as
17 added by this Act.

18 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.