

1-1 By: Morales Shaw, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Eckhardt) H.B. No. 1361
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2023;
 1-3 May 4, 2023, read first time and referred to Subcommittee on Higher
 1-4 Education; May 19, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-5 Committee Substitute from Committee on Education by the following
 1-6 vote: Yeas 13, Nays 0; May 19, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-10	X			
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1-22 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1361 By: Creighton

1-23 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-24 AN ACT

1-25 relating to the designation of liaison officers to assist certain
 1-26 students at public institutions of higher education who are
 1-27 parents.

1-28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-29 SECTION 1. Subchapter 2, Chapter 51, Education Code, is
 1-30 amended by adding Section 51.9357 to read as follows:

1-31 Sec. 51.9357. DESIGNATION OF LIAISON OFFICER TO ASSIST
 1-32 CERTAIN STUDENTS WHO ARE PARENTS; REPORT. (a) In this section:

1-33 (1) "Coordinating board" means the Texas Higher
 1-34 Education Coordinating Board.

1-35 (2) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning
 1-36 assigned by Section 61.003.

1-37 (b) Each institution of higher education shall designate at
 1-38 least one employee of the institution to act as a liaison officer
 1-39 for current or incoming students at the institution who are the
 1-40 parent or guardian of a child younger than 18 years of age. The
 1-41 liaison officer shall provide to the students information regarding
 1-42 support services and other resources available to the students at
 1-43 the institution, including:

1-44 (1) resources to access:

1-45 (A) medical and behavioral health coverage and
 1-46 services; and

1-47 (B) public benefit programs, including programs
 1-48 related to food security, affordable housing, and housing
 1-49 subsidies;

1-50 (2) parenting and child care resources;

1-51 (3) employment assistance;

1-52 (4) transportation assistance;

1-53 (5) student academic success strategies; and

1-54 (6) any other resources developed by the institution
 1-55 to assist the students.

1-56 (c) Not later than May 1 of each academic year, an
 1-57 institution of higher education shall submit to the coordinating
 1-58 board a report that contains the following information regarding
 1-59 students enrolled at the institution for the current academic year
 1-60 who are the parent or guardian of a child younger than 18 years of

2-1 age:
 2-2 (1) the number of those students;
 2-3 (2) demographic data, including age, race, sex, and
 2-4 ethnicity;
 2-5 (3) academic data, including full-time or part-time
 2-6 enrollment status and graduation, transfer, and withdrawal rates;
 2-7 and
 2-8 (4) other data as prescribed by coordinating board
 2-9 rule.

2-10 (d) The coordinating board shall adopt rules to administer
 2-11 this section, including rules to ensure compliance with federal law
 2-12 regarding confidentiality of student medical or educational
 2-13 information, including the Health Insurance Portability and
 2-14 Accountability Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C. Section 1320d et seq.), the
 2-15 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (20 U.S.C.
 2-16 Section 1232g), and any state law relating to the privacy of student
 2-17 information.

2-18 SECTION 2. (a) As soon as practicable after the effective
 2-19 date of this Act, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
 2-20 shall adopt rules to implement Section 51.9357, Education Code, as
 2-21 added by this Act.

2-22 (b) This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024 academic
 2-23 year.

2-24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 2-25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 2-26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 2-27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 2-28 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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