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H.B. No. 3627

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to signs posted by public institutions of higher education
3 to facilitate the reporting of and to prevent incidents of sexual
4 harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter E-3, Chapter 51, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 51.2821 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 51.2821. REQUIRED POSTING OF SIGNS BY PUBLIC
9 INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION. (a) In this section:

10 (1) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning
11 assigned by Section 61.003.

12 (2) "QR code" has the meaning assigned by Section
13 443.001, Health and Safety Code.

14 (b) As part of the comprehensive prevention and outreach
15 program developed by the institution under Section 51.282(d), an
16 institution of higher education shall post in each of the
17 institution's bathrooms a sign that must:

18 (1) contain information summarizing the institution's
19 resources for victims of sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating
20 violence, and stalking;

21 (2) be written in English and Spanish;

22 (3) measure at least 11 inches by 14 inches in size;

23 and

24 (4) include:

1 (A) the phone number for the National Domestic
2 Violence Hotline;
3 (B) the phone number for the Texas Abuse Hotline;
4 and
5 (C) a QR code that leads to an electronic version
6 summarizing the institution's resources for victims of sexual
7 harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.