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H.B. No. 18

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a survey to monitor the postsecondary educational plans of seniors at public high schools.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 7, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 7.029 to read as follows:

Sec. 7.029. POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION SURVEY. (a) The agency shall develop a postsecondary education survey that a public high school may use to monitor the postsecondary education plans of seniors at the high school.

(b) Not later than January 1, 2005, the agency shall post the survey developed under Subsection (a) on the agency's website. As soon as practicable after posting the survey on the website, the agency shall notify each school district that is located in a municipality with a population of at least one million of the availability of the survey.

(c) A counselor at a high school may administer the survey to seniors. The survey must include questions to obtain the following information:

(1) whether the student is planning to apply or has applied for admission to a postsecondary educational institution;

(2) the name of any postsecondary educational institution to which the student is planning to apply or has applied for admission, if applicable;

1           (3) the name of any postsecondary educational  
2 institution to which the student has been accepted for admission,  
3 if applicable; and

4           (4) the name of the postsecondary educational  
5 institution to which the student has been accepted for admission  
6 and is planning to attend, if applicable.

7           (d) This section expires August 1, 2006.

8           SECTION 2. The Texas Education Agency shall develop the  
9 postsecondary education survey as required by Section 7.029,  
10 Education Code, as added by this Act, as soon as practicable after  
11 the effective date of this Act.

12           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
16 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the  
17 legislative session.