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H.B. No. 55

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to sex offender registration requirements imposed on
3 certain workers or students at institutions of higher education.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article 62.01, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
6 amended by adding Subdivisions (8) and (9) to read as follows:

7 (8) "Public or private institution of higher
8 education" includes a college, university, community college, or
9 technical or trade institute.

10 (9) "Authority for campus security" means the
11 authority with primary law enforcement jurisdiction over property
12 under the control of a public or private institution of higher
13 education, other than a local law enforcement authority.

14 SECTION 2. Chapter 62, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
15 amended by adding Article 62.063 to read as follows:

16 Art. 62.063. REGISTRATION OF WORKERS OR STUDENTS AT
17 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. (a) Not later than the seventh
18 day after the date on which the person begins to work or attend
19 school, a person required to register under Article 62.061, as
20 added by Chapters 1193 and 1415, Acts of the 76th Legislature,
21 Regular Session, 1999, or any other provision of this chapter who is
22 employed, carries on a vocation, or is a student at a public or
23 private institution of higher education in this state shall report
24 that fact to:

1 (1) the authority for campus security for that
2 institution; or

3 (2) if an authority for campus security for that
4 institution does not exist, the local law enforcement authority of:

5 (A) the municipality in which the institution is
6 located; or

7 (B) the county in which the institution is
8 located, if the institution is not located in a municipality.

9 (b) A person described by Subsection (a) shall provide the
10 authority for campus security or the local law enforcement
11 authority with all information the person is required to provide
12 under Article 62.02(b).

13 (c) A person described by Subsection (a) shall notify the
14 authority for campus security or the local law enforcement
15 authority not later than the seventh day after the date of
16 termination of the person's status as a worker or student at the
17 institution.

18 (d) Subsection (a)(2) does not require a person to register
19 at a local law enforcement authority if the person is otherwise
20 required by this chapter to register at that authority.

21 (e) This article does not impose the requirements of public
22 notification or notification to schools on:

23 (1) an authority for campus security; or

24 (2) a local law enforcement authority, if those
25 requirements relate to a person about whom the authority is not
26 otherwise required by this chapter to make notifications.

27 (f) Notwithstanding Article 62.062, the requirements of

1 this article supersede those of Article 62.062 for a person
2 required to register under both this article and Article 62.062.

3 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies to a
4 person subject to registration under Chapter 62, Code of Criminal
5 Procedure, for an offense or conduct that was committed before, on,
6 or after the effective date of this Act.

7 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.