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H.B. No. 511

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a pilot program to monitor the postsecondary educational plans of seniors at certain 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 7.027 to read as follows:

Sec. 7.027. POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION SURVEY PILOT PROGRAM.

(a) The agency shall establish a postsecondary education survey pilot program to monitor the postsecondary education plans of seniors at high schools that participate in the program.

(b) Not later than August 1, 2004, the agency shall select five noncharter high schools to participate in the pilot program. The agency may select only a school that is:

(1) willing to participate in the pilot program; and

(2) located in a municipality that has at least 10 independent school districts in the municipality.

(c) During the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 school years, a counselor at each participating school shall administer a survey to each senior, to the extent practicable, before the last day of the school year. 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

1 institution to which the student is planning to apply or has applied  
2 for admission, if applicable;

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

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

9 (d) A counselor at each participating school shall mail or  
10 otherwise deliver the results of the surveys to the agency not later  
11 than the 30th day after the last day of the school year. The agency  
12 shall include the results of the surveys in the comprehensive  
13 annual reports required under Section 39.182 for the 2004-2005 and  
14 2005-2006 school years.

15 (e) The agency may adopt rules as necessary to implement  
16 this section.

17 (f) This section expires December 31, 2006.

18 SECTION 2. The Texas Education Agency shall adopt any rules  
19 necessary to implement Section 7.027, Education Code, as added by  
20 this Act, as soon as practicable after the effective date of this  
21 Act.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.