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H.B. No. 757

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the continuation of the higher education assistance
3 pilot program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 61.088, Education Code, as added by
6 Chapter 795, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001,
7 is renumbered as Section 61.0901, Education Code, and amended to
8 read as follows:

9 Sec. 61.0901 [~~61.088~~]. HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE [~~PILOT~~]
10 PROGRAM. (a) The board shall administer and coordinate the Higher
11 Education Assistance [~~Pilot~~] Program to:

12 (1) provide to prospective students in [~~three~~] areas
13 of this state with the highest number of students who do not attend
14 institutions of higher education, as determined by the board,
15 information related to enrollment in public or private or
16 independent institutions of higher education, including admissions
17 and financial aid information; and

18 (2) assist those prospective students in completing
19 applications related to enrollment in those institutions,
20 including admissions and financial aid applications.

21 (b) The board shall provide the information and assistance
22 required by this section at least twice each year at one or more
23 appropriate locations in each area served by the [~~pilot~~] program.

24 (c) The board may coordinate with an institution of higher

1 education or other entity to provide the information and assistance
2 required by this section in each area served by the [~~pilot~~] program.

3 (d) Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year
4 [~~August 31, 2003~~], the board shall submit to the legislature a
5 report on the effectiveness of the [~~pilot~~] program[~~, including~~
6 ~~recommendations on whether to implement the program on a statewide~~
7 ~~basis~~].

8 [~~(e) The pilot program ends and this section expires August~~
9 ~~31, 2003.~~]

10 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and has the effect of
15 reenacting, amending, and renumbering Section 61.088, Education
16 Code, as added by Chapter 795, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular
17 Session, 2001.