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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to requiring the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
3 to publish certain performance data provided to the board by
4 general academic teaching institutions.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 61.0902 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 61.0902. PUBLICATION OF PERFORMANCE DATA OF GENERAL
9 ACADEMIC TEACHING INSTITUTIONS. (a) The board shall administer a
10 program to publish performance data provided to the board by
11 general academic teaching institutions under this section.

12 (b) Not later than the next November 1 following the
13 completion of an academic year, each general academic teaching
14 institution shall provide to the board one or more reports
15 containing data related to:

16 (1) the qualifications of the entering freshman class
17 for the academic year covered by the report, including:

18 (A) the average Texas Academic Skills Program
19 Test scores of the class;

20 (B) the average scores of the class on each
21 generally recognized test or assessment used in college and
22 university undergraduate admissions, including the Scholastic
23 Assessment Test and the American College Test;

24 (C) the range of scores of the class from the 25th

1 to the 75th percentile on each generally recognized test or
2 assessment used in college and university undergraduate
3 admissions, including the Scholastic Assessment Test and the
4 American College Test;

5 (D) the overall grade point average of the class
6 for the academic year covered by the report;

7 (E) the number of students in the class who
8 graduated in the top 10 percent of the student's high school
9 graduating class; and

10 (F) enrollment percentages by ethnicity; and

11 (2) student performance and institution efficiency,
12 including:

13 (A) the retention rate of full-time students
14 after the completion of one academic year at the institution;

15 (B) the percentage of full-time degree-seeking
16 undergraduate students who earn a baccalaureate degree before the
17 sixth anniversary of the date of the student's first enrollment at
18 the institution;

19 (C) the percentage of lower-division semester
20 credit hours taught by tenured or tenure-track faculty;

21 (D) the percentage of undergraduate classes with
22 less than 20 students;

23 (E) the percentage of undergraduate classes with
24 more than 50 students;

25 (F) the student-to-faculty ratio for
26 undergraduate students;

27 (G) the percentage of students receiving

1 financial aid;

2 (H) the average cost of tuition and fees for an
3 undergraduate student enrolled for 12 semester credit hours;

4 (I) the average cost of on-campus room and board
5 for an academic year, excluding summer sessions;

6 (J) the number of disciplines in which master's
7 degrees are offered; and

8 (K) the number of disciplines in which doctoral
9 degrees are offered.

10 (c) Each year the board shall publish and post in a grid
11 format on the board's Internet site the names of the general
12 academic teaching institutions, the performance data required by
13 Subsection (b) for the most recent academic year for which the data
14 is available, and any other information considered appropriate by
15 the board. The board shall use the classification system developed
16 by the Carnegie Foundation in publishing and posting the data and
17 other information.

18 (d) Each general academic teaching institution shall
19 provide a link on the institution's Internet home page to the
20 board's Internet site described by Subsection (c).

21 (e) A general academic teaching institution is not required
22 to report to the board the data required by Subsection (b) if the
23 data is available to the board from another source.

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

25 SECTION 3. (a) Each general academic teaching institution
26 shall provide the performance data as required by Section 61.0902,
27 Education Code, as added by this Act, beginning with the data for

1 the 2003-2004 academic year.

2 (b) Not later than March 1, 2005, the Texas Higher Education
3 Coordinating Board shall publish and post on the board's Internet
4 site the performance data provided by the general academic teaching
5 institutions in this state as required by Section 61.0902,
6 Education Code, as added by this Act.