

1-1 By: Ogden S.B. No. 503  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 14, 2003; February 19, 2003,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Education;  
1-4 May 13, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,  
1-5 Nays 0; May 13, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the provision of certain higher education information  
1-9 to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and to the public.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is  
1-12 amended by adding Section 51.968 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 51.968. DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION REGARDING  
1-14 STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS. (a) In this  
1-15 section, "institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned  
1-16 by Section 61.003.

1-17 (b) Each institution of higher education shall provide to  
1-18 the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and post on the  
1-19 institution's Internet website in a manner accessible to the public  
1-20 the following information:

1-21 (1) a description of any departments, schools, or  
1-22 certificate or degree programs of the institution that have a  
1-23 statewide or national reputation for excellence;

1-24 (2) rates of tuition and fees for resident and  
1-25 nonresident students;

1-26 (3) student retention and graduation rates; and

1-27 (4) statistics regarding job placement rates for  
1-28 students awarded certificates or degrees by the institution.

1-29 (c) The coordinating board by rule shall establish  
1-30 standards and adopt formats for the information provided and posted  
1-31 under Subsection (b).

1-32 (d) As soon as practicable after a material change in the  
1-33 information required under Subsection (b), the institution of  
1-34 higher education shall provide to the coordinating board and post  
1-35 on the website the updated information.

1-36 SECTION 2. (a) Section 1 of this Act applies beginning  
1-37 with the 2004 spring semester.

1-38 (b) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall  
1-39 adopt rules regarding standards and formats for the information  
1-40 described by Subsection (b), Section 51.968, Education Code, as  
1-41 added by this Act, as soon as practicable after this Act takes  
1-42 effect.

1-43 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-44 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-45 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-46 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-47 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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