

AN ACT

relating to application of the hazing statutes to private institutions of higher education; providing penalties.

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

SECTION 1. Section 51.936, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(a) Subchapter F, Chapter 37, applies to a postsecondary [hazing at an] educational institution under this section in the same manner as that subchapter applies to a public or private high school.

(b) For purposes of this section, [~~in Subchapter F, Chapter 37,~~] "postsecondary educational institution" means:

(1) an institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003;

(2) a private or independent institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003; or

(3) a private postsecondary educational institution as defined by Section 61.302.

(e) Section 1.001(a) does not limit the application of this section to postsecondary educational institutions supported in whole or in part by state tax funds.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

H.B. No. 1791

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1791 was passed by the House on May 13, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1791 was passed by the Senate on May 24, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor