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S.B. No. 1184

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an annual analysis and report by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board regarding financial information submitted by institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Section 61.065, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

(a) The comptroller of public accounts and the board jointly shall prescribe and periodically update a uniform system of annual financial accounting and reporting for institutions of higher education, including definitions of the elements of cost on the basis of which appropriations shall be made and financial records shall be maintained. The board may require institutions to report additional financial information as the board considers necessary. In order that the uniform system of financial accounting and reporting shall provide for maximum consistency with the national reporting system for higher education, the uniform system shall incorporate insofar as possible the provisions of the financial accounting and reporting manual published by the National Association of College and University Business Officers. The accounts of the institutions shall be maintained and audited in accordance with the approved reporting system.

(c) The board shall review, analyze, and summarize the

1 financial information reported annually by each institution of
2 higher education under this section and, not later than May 1 of
3 each year, shall report its analysis and summary of that
4 information for the preceding year to each legislative standing
5 committee and subcommittee with primary jurisdiction over higher
6 education.

7 (d) A report by the board under Subsection (c) must
8 accurately provide all of the sources and uses of the money received
9 by each institution of higher education and must reflect the unique
10 mission, structure, resources, and other circumstances of each
11 category of institution.

12 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.