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1	AN ACT
2	relating to online performance reports for public institutions of
3	higher education.
4	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
5	SECTION 1. Subtitle A, Title 3, Education Code, is amended
6	by adding Chapter 51A to read as follows:
7	CHAPTER 51A. ONLINE PERFORMANCE REPORT CARDS FOR INSTITUTIONS OF
8	HIGHER EDUCATION
9	SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS
10	Sec. 51A.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:
11	(1) "Coordinating board" means the Texas Higher
12	Education Coordinating Board.
13	(2) "General academic teaching institution,"
14	"institution of higher education," "medical and dental unit,"
15	"public state college," and "public technical institute" have the
16	meanings assigned by Section 61.003.
17	Sec. 51A.002. POWERS AND DUTIES OF COORDINATING BOARD
18	RELATING TO REPORT CARDS; GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORT CARDS.
19	(a) The coordinating board, in consultation with each institution
20	of higher education to which this chapter applies, shall develop
21	and maintain online report cards for each of those institutions.
22	(b) The coordinating board shall:
23	(1) request from each institution of higher education
24	to which this chapter applies any information the coordinating

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1	board considers necessary for the coordinating board to include
2	information or calculate data required to be included in the
3	institution's report card;
4	(2) establish for each institution of higher education
5	to which this chapter applies a list of representative in-state and
6	out-of-state peer institutions and maintain that list on the
7	coordinating board's Internet website;
8	(3) ensure that each of an institution of higher
9	education's online report cards:
10	(A) is available to the public on the
11	coordinating board's Internet website in a one-page format and is
12	accessible through a link that appears in a prominent place on the
13	coordinating board's Internet website homepage;
14	(B) uses enhanced, user-friendly search
15	capabilities to ensure that the information required to be included
16	in the report card is easily accessible to the persons for whom the
17	report card is designed; and
18	(C) includes a clearly identifiable link to
19	information on the coordinating board's Internet website regarding
20	the coordinating board's higher education accountability system;
21	and
22	(4) ensure that the information provided in each
23	report card is accurate and up to date.
24	(c) The coordinating board may modify, as the coordinating
25	board considers necessary, national data regarding an
26	institution's out-of-state peer institutions to ensure uniformity
27	in the comparison of that data to data regarding the institution for

1	which the report card is created and the institution's in-state
2	peer institutions in a report card under this chapter.
3	Sec. 51A.003. DUTIES OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
4	RELATING TO REPORT CARDS. Each institution of higher education to
5	which this chapter applies shall:
6	(1) submit to the coordinating board any information
7	requested by the coordinating board as necessary for the
8	coordinating board to include information or calculate data
9	required to be included in the institution's report cards; and
10	(2) ensure that the institution's Internet website
11	homepage includes, in a prominent place, an accessible link to the
12	institution's online report cards maintained on the coordinating
13	board's Internet website.
14	[Sections 51A.004-51A.050 reserved for expansion]
15	SUBCHAPTER B. ONLINE PERFORMANCE REPORT CARDS FOR GENERAL ACADEMIC
16	TEACHING INSTITUTIONS
17	Sec. 51A.051. APPLICABILITY OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter
18	applies only to general academic teaching institutions, other than
19	public state colleges.
20	Sec. 51A.052. REPORT CARD FOR LEGISLATORS AND OTHER POLICY
21	MAKERS. (a) The coordinating board shall maintain for each
22	institution to which this subchapter applies an online report card
23	that is designed for use by legislators and other interested policy
24	makers.
25	(b) The report card required by this section must identify:
26	(1) the institutional grouping to which the
27	institution is assigned under the coordinating board's higher

1	education accountability system; and
2	(2) the institution's in-state and out-of-state peer
3	institutions.
4	(c) For purposes of this section, information required to be
5	included in the report card regarding the institution's in-state or
6	out-of-state peer institutions must be listed in the form of the
7	average of that information for those institutions unless otherwise
8	prescribed by coordinating board rule.
9	(d) The report card must include the following information
10	relating to the institution for the most recent state fiscal year
11	and compare that information by percentage to the same information
12	for the state fiscal year preceding the most recent state fiscal
13	year and the state fiscal year preceding the most recent state
14	fiscal year by five years:
15	(1) under the heading "ENROLLMENT," the total number
16	of students enrolled in the institution during the fall semester;
17	(2) under the heading "COSTS," the average annual
18	total academic costs for a resident undergraduate student enrolled
19	in 30 semester credit hours:
20	(A) at the institution; and
21	(B) at the institution's in-state and
22	out-of-state peer institutions;
23	(3) under the heading "STUDENT SUCCESS":
24	(A) the retention rate of first-time, full-time,
25	degree-seeking entering undergraduate students:
26	(i) enrolled in the institution after one
27	academic year and after two academic years; and

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1	(ii) enrolled in the institution's
2	out-of-state peer institutions after one academic year and in the
3	institution's in-state peer institutions after two academic years;
4	(B) the percentage of undergraduate students
5	requiring developmental education who, after six years from
6	entering the institution, graduated from or are still enrolled in:
7	(i) the institution; and
8	(ii) the institution's in-state peer
9	institutions;
10	(C) the four-year and six-year graduation rates
11	of full-time bachelor's degree-seeking students:
12	(i) at the institution; and
13	(ii) at the institution's in-state and
14	out-of-state peer institutions; and
15	(D) the average number of years of enrollment
16	attempted by a student to obtain a bachelor's degree:
17	(i) at the institution; and
18	(ii) at the institution's in-state and
19	out-of-state peer institutions; and
20	(4) under the heading "FUNDING":
21	(A) the total amount of money appropriated by the
22	legislature to the institution, including money appropriated for
23	faculty and staff health coverage and other benefits; and
24	(B) the total amount of money from any source
25	available to the institution in that state fiscal year.
26	Sec. 51A.053. REPORT CARD FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS,
27	PARENTS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. (a) The coordinating board

1	shall maintain for each institution to which this subchapter
2	applies an online performance report card that is designed for use
3	by prospective students of the institution, their parents, and
4	other interested members of the public.
5	(b) The report card must identify:
6	(1) the institutional grouping to which the
7	institution is assigned under the coordinating board's higher
8	education accountability system; and
9	(2) the institution's in-state peer institutions.
10	(c) The report card must include the following information
11	relating to the most recent state fiscal year:
12	(1) under the heading "ENROLLMENT":
13	(A) the total number of students enrolled in the
14	institution during the fall semester; and
15	(B) a clearly identifiable link to the
16	information described by Paragraph (A) disaggregated by student
17	ethnicity;
18	(2) under the heading "DEGREES AWARDED":
19	(A) the number of bachelor's degrees, number of
20	master's degrees, number of doctoral degrees, and number of
21	professional degrees awarded by the institution; and
22	(B) a clearly identifiable link to the
23	information described by Paragraph (A) disaggregated by student
24	ethnicity;
25	(3) under the heading "COSTS":
26	(A) the average annual total academic costs for a
27	resident undergraduate student enrolled in 30 semester credit hours

S.B. No. 1146 1 at the institution; 2 (B) clearly identifiable links to information regarding: 3 4 (i) the rate or rates of tuition per semester credit hour charged by the institution; 5 6 (ii) any tuition and fee incentives offered 7 by the institution; and (iii) the amount and percentage by which 8 9 the institution has increased tuition for a program or course level during the state fiscal year covered by the report card; 10 11 (C) the average cost of on-campus room and board per student; and 12 13 (D) the average cost to a resident undergraduate student enrolled in 30 semester credit hours for total academic 14 15 costs and on-campus room and board, excluding the cost of books, 16 supplies, transportation, or other expenses; 17 (4) under the heading "FINANCIAL AID": 18 (A) the percentage of undergraduate students enrolled in the institution who receive grants or scholarships; 19 20 (B) the percentage of undergraduate students enrolled in the institution who receive grants, scholarships, 21 22 loans, or work-study funds; (C) the average amount of an undergraduate 23 student's grant and scholarship package; 24 25 (D) the average amount of an undergraduate student's grant, scholarship, loan, and work-study package; and 26 27 (E) the percentage of undergraduate students who

1	graduate from the institution with education-related debt and, to
2	the extent information is available, the average amount of
3	education-related debt of those students;
4	(5) under the heading "ADMISSIONS":
5	(A) the percentage of undergraduate students
6	whose Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) score placed the students in
7	the 25th to 75th percentile of students' scores on that test
8	<pre>nationally;</pre>
9	(B) the percentage of undergraduate students
10	whose American College Test (ACT) score placed the students in the
11	25th to 75th percentile of students' scores on that test
12	nationally; and
13	(C) the percentage of the students who applied
14	for first-time undergraduate admission to the institution who were
15	offered admission to the institution;
16	(6) under the heading "INSTRUCTION":
17	(A) the student/faculty ratio at the
18	institution;
19	(B) the percentage of organized undergraduate
20	classes offered by the institution in which fewer than 20 students
21	are enrolled;
22	(C) the percentage of organized undergraduate
23	classes offered by the institution in which more than 50 students
24	are enrolled; and
25	(D) the percentage of faculty members of the
26	institution who are tenured or tenure-track;
27	(7) under the heading "BACCALAUREATE SUCCESS":

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1	(A) four-year, five-year, and six-year
2	graduation rates for full-time bachelor's degree-seeking students
3	at the institution, and links to that information disaggregated by
4	student ethnicity; and
5	(B) the average number of years of enrollment
6	attempted by a student to obtain a bachelor's degree; and
7	(8) under the heading "FIRST-TIME LICENSURE OR
8	CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION PASS RATES," the first-time licensure or
9	certification examination pass rates in the fields of education,
10	law, pharmacy, nursing, and engineering of students enrolled in the
11	institution or who have graduated from the institution.
12	[Sections 51A.054-51A.100 reserved for expansion]
13	SUBCHAPTER C. PERFORMANCE REPORT CARDS FOR LOWER-DIVISION
14	INSTITUTIONS
15	Sec. 51A.101. APPLICABILITY OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter
16	applies only to the following institutions of higher education:
17	(1) public junior colleges;
18	(2) public technical institutes; and
19	(3) public state colleges.
20	Sec. 51A.102. REPORT CARD FOR LEGISLATORS AND OTHER POLICY
21	MAKERS. (a) The coordinating board shall maintain for each
22	institution to which this subchapter applies an online performance
23	report card for the institution designed for use by legislators and
24	other interested policy makers.
25	(b) The report card must identify:
26	(1) the institutional grouping to which the
27	institution is assigned under the coordinating board's higher

1	education accountability system; and
2	(2) the institution's in-state peer institutions.
3	(c) For purposes of this section, information required to be
4	included in the report card regarding the institution's in-state
5	peer institutions must be listed in the form of the average of that
6	information for those institutions unless otherwise prescribed by
7	coordinating board rule.
8	(d) The report card must include the following information
9	relating to the institution for the most recent state fiscal year
10	and compare that information by percentage to the same information
11	for the state fiscal year preceding the most recent state fiscal
12	year and the state fiscal year preceding the most recent state
13	fiscal year by five years:
14	(1) under the heading "ENROLLMENT," the total number
15	of students enrolled in the institution during the fall semester;
16	(2) under the heading "COSTS," the average annual
17	total academic costs, which for a junior college must include those
18	costs for an in-district and an out-of-district student, for a
19	student enrolled in 30 semester credit hours toward a two-year
20	degree or certificate:
21	(A) at the institution; and
22	(B) at the institution's in-state peer
23	institutions;
24	(3) under the heading "STUDENT SUCCESS":
25	(A) the retention rate of first-time, full-time,
26	degree-seeking entering undergraduate students:
27	(i) enrolled in the institution after two

1 academic years; and (ii) enrolled in the institution's in-state 2 3 peer institutions after two academic years; (B) the percentage of undergraduate students 4 requiring developmental education who, after three years from 5 entering the institution, graduated from or are still enrolled in: 6 7 (i) the institution; and (ii) the institution's in-state peer 8 9 institutions; 10 (C) the three-year, four-year, and six-year graduation rates of full-time degree-seeking students: 11 (i) at the institution; and 12 13 (ii) at the institution's in-state peer 14 institutions; 15 (D) the percentage of students who transfer to a 16 general academic teaching institution or equivalent institution of 17 higher education: 18 (i) from the institution; and (ii) from the institution's in-state peer 19 20 institutions; and (E) the percentage of students either employed or 21 22 enrolled in a general academic teaching institution or equivalent institution of higher education within one year after the date of 23 24 the student's graduation from: 25 (i) the institution; and 26 (ii) the institution's in-state peer 27 institutions; and

1	(4) under the heading "FUNDING":
2	(A) the total amount of money appropriated by the
3	legislature to the institution for that state fiscal year,
4	including money appropriated for faculty and staff health coverage
5	and other benefits;
6	(B) the total amount of money from any source
7	available to the institution in that state fiscal year; and
8	(C) the tax rate per \$100 valuation of taxable
9	property imposed by the junior college district, if the institution
10	is a public junior college.
11	Sec. 51A.103. REPORT CARD FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS,
12	PARENTS, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. (a) The coordinating
13	board shall maintain for each institution to which this subchapter
14	applies an online performance report card that is designed for use
15	by prospective students of the institution, their parents, and
16	other interested members of the public.
17	(b) The report card must identify:
18	(1) the institutional grouping to which the
19	institution is assigned under the coordinating board's higher
20	education accountability system; and
21	(2) the institution's in-state peer institutions.
22	(c) For purposes of this section, information required to be
23	included in the report card regarding the institution's in-state
24	peer institutions must be listed in the form of the average of that
25	information for those institutions unless otherwise prescribed by
26	coordinating board rule.
27	(d) The report card must include the following information

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(4) under the heading "FINANCIAL AID": 1 2 (A) the percentage of students who receive grants 3 or scholarships: 4 (i) at the institution; and 5 (ii) at the institution's in-state peer 6 institutions; 7 (B) the percentage of students who receive grants, scholarships, loans, or work-study funds: 8 (i) at the institution; and 9 10 (ii) at the institution's in-state peer 11 institutions; (C) the average amount of a student's grant and 12 13 scholarship package: 14 (i) at the institution; and 15 (ii) at the institution's in-state peer 16 institutions; 17 (D) the average amount of a student's grant, scholarship, loan, and work-study package: 18 (i) at the institution; and 19 20 (ii) at the institution's in-state peer 21 institutions; and 22 (E) the percentage of students who graduated with education-related debt and, to the extent information is available, 23 the average amount of education-related debt of those students: 24 25 (i) from the institution; and 26 (ii) from the institution's in-state peer 27 institutions; and

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1	(5) under the heading "STUDENT SUCCESS":
2	(A) the retention rate of first-time, full-time,
3	degree-seeking entering undergraduate students:
4	(i) enrolled in the institution after two
5	academic years; and
6	(ii) enrolled in the institution's in-state
7	peer institutions after two academic years;
8	(B) the percentage of students requiring
9	developmental education who, after three years from entering the
10	institution, have graduated from or are still enrolled in:
11	(i) the institution; and
12	(ii) the institution's in-state peer
13	institutions;
14	(C) the three-year, four-year, and six-year
15	graduation rates of full-time degree-seeking students:
16	(i) at the institution; and
17	(ii) at the institution's in-state peer
18	institutions;
19	(D) the percentage of students who transfer to a
20	general academic teaching institution or equivalent institution of
21	higher education:
22	(i) from the institution; and
23	(ii) from the institution's in-state peer
24	institutions; and
25	(E) the percentage of students either employed or
26	enrolled in a general academic teaching institution or equivalent
27	institution of higher education within one year after the date of

1	the student's graduation from:
2	(i) the institution; and
3	(ii) the institution's in-state peer
4	institutions.
5	[Sections 51A.104-51A.150 reserved for expansion]
6	SUBCHAPTER D. ONLINE PERFORMANCE REPORT CARDS FOR MEDICAL AND
7	DENTAL UNITS
8	Sec. 51A.151. APPLICABILITY OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter
9	applies only to medical and dental units.
10	Sec. 51A.152. REPORT CARD FOR LEGISLATORS AND OTHER POLICY
11	MAKERS. (a) The coordinating board shall maintain for each
12	institution to which this subchapter applies an online performance
13	report card designed for use by legislators and other interested
14	policy makers.
15	(b) The report card must identify:
16	(1) the institutional grouping to which the
17	institution is assigned under the coordinating board's higher
18	education accountability system; and
19	(2) the institution's in-state and out-of-state peer
20	institutions.
21	(c) For purposes of this section, information required to be
22	included in the report card regarding the institution's in-state or
23	out-of-state peer institutions must be listed in the form of the
24	average of that information for those institutions unless otherwise
25	prescribed by coordinating board rule.
26	(d) The report card must include the following information
27	relating to the institution for the most recent state fiscal year

1	and compare that information by percentage to the same information
2	for the state fiscal year preceding the most recent state fiscal
3	year and the state fiscal year preceding the most recent state
4	fiscal year by five years:
5	(1) under the heading "ENROLLMENT":
6	(A) the total number of students enrolled in the
7	institution during the fall semester;
8	(B) if applicable, the total number of students
9	enrolled in the institution's medical school during the fall
10	semester; and
11	(C) if applicable, the total number of students
12	enrolled as resident physicians in residency programs accredited by
13	the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or the
14	American Osteopathic Association at the institution on the most
15	recent September 1 for which the information is available;
16	(2) under the heading "COSTS," the average annual
17	total academic costs, including those costs identified by type of
18	degree program if required by coordinating board rule, for a
19	resident, full-time undergraduate student and for a resident,
20	full-time graduate student:
21	(A) at the institution; and
22	(B) at the institution's in-state and
23	<u>out-of-state peer institutions;</u>
24	(3) under the heading "STUDENT SUCCESS":
25	(A) if applicable, the percentage of medical
26	school students who pass Part 1 or Part 2 of any examination
27	administered or accepted for a medical license under Subtitle B.

1	Title 3, Occupations Code:
2	(i) at the institution; and
3	(ii) at the institution's in-state and
4	out-of-state peer institutions;
5	(B) if applicable, the percentage of medical
6	school students who are practicing primary care in this state:
7	(i) after graduating from the institution;
8	and
9	(ii) after graduating from the
10	institution's in-state peer institutions;
11	(C) the number of nursing degrees or allied
12	health degrees awarded for each level:
13	(i) by the institution; and
14	(ii) by the institution's in-state and
15	out-of-state peer institutions; and
16	(D) the estimated total amount of the
17	institution's research expenditures during that state fiscal year;
18	and
19	(4) under the heading "FUNDING":
20	(A) the total amount of money appropriated by the
21	legislature to the institution, including money appropriated for
22	faculty and staff health coverage and other benefits, for that
23	state fiscal year; and
24	(B) the total amount of money from any source
25	available to the institution for that state fiscal year.
26	Sec. 51A.153. REPORT CARD FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS,
27	PARENTS, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. (a) The coordinating

1	board shall maintain for each institution to which this subchapter
2	applies an online performance report card that is designed for use
3	by prospective students of the institution, their parents, and
4	other interested members of the public.
5	(b) The report card must identify:
6	(1) the institutional grouping to which the
7	institution is assigned under the coordinating board's higher
8	education accountability system; and
9	(2) the institution's in-state and out-of-state peer
10	institutions.
11	(c) For purposes of this section, information required to be
12	included in the report card regarding the institution's in-state
13	peer institutions must be listed in the form of the average of that
14	information for those institutions unless otherwise prescribed by
15	coordinating board rules.
16	(d) The report card must include the following information
17	relating to the most recent state fiscal year:
18	(1) under the heading "ENROLLMENT," with clearly
19	identifiable links to the information disaggregated by student
20	ethnicity:
21	(A) the total number of students enrolled in the
22	institution during the fall semester;
23	(B) if applicable, the total number of students
24	enrolled in the institution's medical school during the fall
25	semester; and
26	(C) if applicable, the total number of students
27	enrolled as resident physicians in residency programs accredited by

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1	the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or the
2	American Osteopathic Association at the institution on the most
3	recent September 1 for which the information is available;
4	(2) under the heading "COSTS":
5	(A) the average annual total academic costs,
6	including those costs identified by type of degree program if
7	required by coordinating board rule, for a resident, full-time
8	student at the institution;
9	(B) clearly identifiable links to information
10	regarding:
11	(i) the rate or rates of tuition per
12	semester credit hour charged by the institution;
13	(ii) any tuition and fee incentives offered
14	by the institution; and
15	(iii) the amount and percentage by which
16	the institution has increased tuition for a program or course level
17	during the five state fiscal years preceding the state fiscal year
18	covered by the report card;
19	(C) the average cost of on-campus room and board
20	per student; and
21	(D) the average cost to a resident undergraduate
22	student enrolled in 30 semester credit hours for tuition and fees
23	and on-campus room and board;
24	(3) under the heading "FINANCIAL AID":
25	(A) the percentage of undergraduate students
26	enrolled in the institution who receive grants or scholarships;
27	(B) the percentage of undergraduate students

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1	enrolled in the institution who receive grants, scholarships,
2	<pre>loans, or work-study funds;</pre>
3	(C) the average amount of an undergraduate
4	student's grant and scholarship package;
5	(D) the average amount of an undergraduate
6	student's grant, scholarship, loan, and work-study package; and
7	(E) the percentage of undergraduate students who
8	graduated from the institution with education-related debt and, to
9	the extent information is available, the average education-related
10	debt of those students;
11	(4) under the heading "STUDENT SUCCESS":
12	(A) if applicable, the percentage of medical
13	school students who pass Part 1 or Part 2 of any examination
14	administered or accepted for a medical license under Subtitle B,
15	Title 3, Occupations Code:
16	(i) at the institution; and
17	(ii) at the institution's in-state peer
18	institutions;
19	(B) if applicable, the percentage of medical
20	school students who are practicing primary care in this state:
21	(i) after graduating from the institution;
22	and
23	(ii) after graduating from the
24	institution's in-state peer institutions;
25	(C) the number of nursing degrees or allied
26	health degrees awarded for each level:
27	(i) by the institution; and

1	(ii) by the institution's in-state peer
2	institutions; and
3	(D) the estimated total amount of the
4	institution's research expenditures; and
5	(5) under the heading "FIRST-TIME LICENSURE OF
6	CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION PASS RATES," the first-time licensure or
7	certification examination pass rates in applicable fields of
8	students who are enrolled in or have graduated from:
9	(A) the institution; and
10	(B) the institution's in-state peer

11 <u>institutions.</u>

SECTION 2. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall create the online performance report cards required by Chapter 51A, Education Code, as added by this Act, and provide the report cards on the board's Internet website not later than February 1, 2008.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives 18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as 19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this 20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this 21 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.