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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1 AN ACT 2 relating to online performance reports for public institutions of 3 higher education. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: 4 5 SECTION 1. Subtitle A, Title 3, Education Code, is amended by adding Chapter 51A to read as follows: 6 CHAPTER 51A. ONLINE PERFORMANCE REPORT CARDS FOR INSTITUTIONS OF 7 8 HIGHER EDUCATION 9 SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS Sec. 51A.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter: 10 (1) "Coordinating board" means the Texas Higher 11 12 Education Coordinating Board. 13 (2) "General academic teaching institution," "institution of higher education," "medical and dental unit," 14 "public state college," and "public technical institute" have the 15 meanings assigned by Section 61.003. 16 Sec. 51A.002. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS REGARDING REPORT CARDS 17 18 FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. Each institution of higher education that is required to provide an online performance report 19 card under this chapter shall: 20 21 (1) ensure that the institution's online report card: 22 (A) is available on the institution's Internet 23 website in a one-page format and is accessible through a link that appears in a prominent place on the institutions's Internet website 24

1	homepage;
2	(B) uses enhanced, user-friendly search
3	capabilities to ensure that the information required to be included
4	in the report card is easily accessible to the persons for whom the
5	report card is designed; and
6	(C) includes a clearly identifiable link to
7	information on the coordinating board's website regarding the
8	<pre>coordinating board's higher education accountability system;</pre>
9	(2) ensure that the information provided in the report
10	card is accurate and up-to-date; and
11	(3) submit the report card to the coordinating board
12	in a form approved by the coordinating board that enables the
13	coordinating board to make the report card available on the
14	coordinating board's Internet website.
15	Sec. 51A.003. DUTIES OF COORDINATING BOARD RELATING TO
16	REPORT CARDS. For purposes of this chapter, the coordinating board
17	shall:
18	(1) establish for each institution of higher education
19	to which this chapter applies a list of representative in-state and
20	out-of-state peer institutions; and
21	(2) maintain on the coordinating board's Internet
22	website:
23	(A) the list described by Subdivision (1); and
24	(B) each performance report card submitted to the
25	coordinating board by an institution of higher education under this
26	chapter.
27	[Sections 51A.004-51A.050 reserved for expansion]

SUBCHAPTER B. ONLINE PERFORMANCE REPORT CARDS FOR GENERAL ACADEMIC
TEACHING INSTITUTIONS
Sec. 51A.051. APPLICABILITY OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter
applies only to general academic teaching institutions, other than
public state colleges.
Sec. 51A.052. REPORT CARD FOR LEGISLATORS AND OTHER
POLICYMAKERS. (a) Each institution to which this subchapter
applies shall create an online report card that is designed for use
by legislators and other interested policymakers.
(b) The report card required by this section must identify:
(1) the institutional grouping to which the
institution is assigned under the coordinating board's higher
education accountability system; and
(2) the institution's in-state and out-of-state peer
institutions.
(c) For purposes of this section, information required to be
included in the report card regarding the institution's in-state or
out-of-state peer institutions must be listed in the form of the
average of that information for those institutions unless otherwise
prescribed by coordinating board rule.
(d) The report card must include the following information
relating to the institution for the most recent state fiscal year,
and compare that information by percentage to the same information
for the state fiscal year preceding the most recent state fiscal
year and the state fiscal year preceding the most recent state
fiscal year by five years:
(1) under the heading "ENROLLMENT," the total number

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1	of students enrolled in the institution during the fall semester;
2	(2) under the heading "COSTS," the average annual cost
3	of tuition and fees for a resident undergraduate student enrolled
4	in 30 semester credit hours:
5	(A) at the institution; and
6	(B) at the institution's in-state and
7	out-of-state peer institutions;
8	(3) under the heading "STUDENT SUCCESS":
9	(A) the retention rate of full-time, bachelor's
10	degree-seeking first-time freshman students:
11	(i) enrolled in the institution after two
12	academic years; and
13	(ii) enrolled in the institution's in-state
14	and out-of-state peer institutions after two academic years;
15	(B) the percentage of undergraduate students
16	requiring developmental education who, after six years from
17	entering the institution, graduated from or are still enrolled in:
18	(i) the institution; and
19	(ii) the institution's in-state and
20	out-of-state peer institutions;
21	(C) the four-year and six-year graduation rates
22	of full-time bachelor's degree-seeking students:
23	(i) at the institution; and
24	(ii) at the institution's in-state and
25	out-of-state peer institutions; and
26	(D) the average number of years of enrollment
27	attempted by a student to obtain a bachelor's degree:

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1	(i) at the institution; and
2	(ii) at the institution's in-state and
3	out-of-state peer institutions;
4	(4) under the heading "FUNDING":
5	(A) the total amount of money appropriated by the
6	legislature to the institution, including money appropriated for
7	faculty and staff health coverage and other benefits; and
8	(B) the total amount of money from any source
9	available to the institution in that state fiscal year; and
10	(5) the percentage of the total amount of money
11	available to the institution for the state fiscal year for which
12	money collected by the institution from tuition and fees accounts:
13	(A) at the institution; and
14	(B) at in-state and out-of-state peer
15	institutions.
16	Sec. 51A.053. REPORT CARD FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS,
17	PARENTS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. (a) Each institution to which
18	this subchapter applies shall create an online performance report
19	card that is designed for use by prospective students of the
20	institution, their parents, and other interested members of the
21	public.
22	(b) The report card must identify:
23	(1) the institutional grouping to which the
24	institution is assigned under the coordinating board's higher
25	education accountability system; and
26	(2) the institution's in-state peer institutions.
27	(c) The report card must include the following information

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1	relating to the most recent state fiscal year:
2	(1) under the heading "ENROLLMENT":
3	(A) the total number of students enrolled in the
4	institution during the fall semester; and
5	(B) a clearly identifiable link to the
6	information described by Paragraph (A) disaggregated by student
7	<pre>ethnicity;</pre>
8	(2) under the heading "DEGREES AWARDED":
9	(A) the number of bachelor's degrees, number of
10	master's degrees, number of doctoral degrees, and number of
11	professional degrees awarded by the institution; and
12	(B) a clearly identifiable link to the
13	information described by Paragraph (A) disaggregated by student
14	ethnicity;
15	(3) under the heading "COSTS":
16	(A) the average annual cost of tuition and fees
17	for a resident undergraduate student enrolled in 30 semester credit
18	hours at the institution;
19	(B) clearly identifiable links to information
20	regarding:
21	(i) the rate or rates of tuition per
22	semester credit hour charged by the institution;
23	(ii) any tuition and fee incentives offered
24	by the institution; and
25	(iii) the amount and percentage by which
26	the institution has increased tuition for a program or course level
27	during the state fiscal year covered by the report card;

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1	(C) the average cost of on-campus room and board
2	per student; and
3	(D) the average cost to a resident undergraduate
4	student enrolled in 30 semester credit hours for tuition and fees
5	and on-campus room and board, excluding the cost of books,
6	supplies, transportation, or other expenses;
7	(4) under the heading "FINANCIAL AID":
8	(A) the percentage of students enrolled in the
9	institution who receive grants or scholarships;
10	(B) the percentage of students enrolled in the
11	institution who receive grants, scholarships, loans, or work-study
12	funds;
13	(C) the average amount of a student's grant and
14	scholarship package;
15	(D) the average amount of a student's grant,
16	scholarship, loan, and work-study package; and
17	(E) the percentage of undergraduate students who
18	graduate from the institution with education-related debt and the
19	average amount of education-related debt of those students;
20	(5) under the heading "ADMISSIONS":
21	(A) the percentage of undergraduate students
22	whose Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) score placed the students in
23	the 25th to 75th percentile of students' scores on that test
24	<pre>nationally;</pre>
25	(B) the percentage of undergraduate students
26	whose American College Test (ACT) score placed the students in the
27	25th to 75th percentile of students' scores on that test

1 nationally; and 2 (C) the percentage of the students who applied for first-time freshman admission to the institution who were 3 offered admission to the institution; 4 (6) under the heading "INSTRUCTION": 5 6 (A) the student/faculty ratio at the 7 institution; 8 (B) the percentage of undergraduate classes offered by the institution in which fewer than 20 students are 9 10 enrolled; (C) the percentage of undergraduate classes 11 12 offered by the institution in which more than 50 students are enrolled; and 13 14 (D) the percentage of faculty members of the 15 institution who are tenured or tenure-track; 16 (7) under the heading "BACCALAUREATE SUCCESS": 17 (A) four-year, five-year, and six-year graduation rates for full-time bachelor's degree-seeking students 18 19 at the institution, and links to that information disaggregated by student ethnicity; and 20 21 (B) the average number of years of enrollment attempted by a student to obtain a bachelor's degree; and 22 (8) under the heading "FIRST-TIME LICENSURE OR 23 24 CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION PASS RATES," the first-time licensure or certification examination pass rates in the fields of education, 25 26 law, pharmacy, nursing, and engineering of students enrolled in the 27 institution or who have graduated from the institution.

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1	[Sections 51A.054-51A.100 reserved for expansion]
2	SUBCHAPTER C. PERFORMANCE REPORT CARDS FOR LOWER-DIVISION
3	INSTITUTIONS
4	Sec. 51A.101. APPLICABILITY OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter
5	applies only to the following institutions of higher education:
6	(1) public junior colleges;
7	(2) public technical institutes; and
8	(3) public state colleges.
9	Sec. 51A.102. REPORT CARD FOR LEGISLATORS AND OTHER
10	POLICYMAKERS. (a) Each institution to which this subchapter
11	applies shall create an online performance report card for the
12	institution designed for use by legislators and other interested
13	policymakers.
14	(b) The report card must identify:
15	(1) the institutional grouping to which the
16	institution is assigned under the coordinating board's higher
17	education accountability system; and
18	(2) the institution's in-state peer institutions.
19	(c) For purposes of this section, information required to be
20	included in the report card regarding the institution's in-state
21	peer institutions must be listed in the form of the average of that
22	information for those institutions unless otherwise prescribed by
23	coordinating board rule.
24	(d) The report card must include the following information
25	relating to the institution for the most recent state fiscal year,
26	and compare that information by percentage to the same information
27	for the state fiscal year preceding the most recent state fiscal

1	year and the state fiscal year preceding the most recent state
2	fiscal year by five years:
3	(1) under the heading "ENROLLMENT," the total number
4	of students enrolled in the institution during the fall semester;
5	(2) under the heading "COSTS," the average annual cost
6	of tuition and fees, which for a junior college must include those
7	costs for an in-district and an out-of-district student, for a
8	student enrolled in 30 semester credit hours toward a two-year
9	<u>degree or certificate:</u>
10	(A) at the institution; and
11	(B) at the institution's in-state peer
12	<u>institutions;</u>
13	(3) under the heading "STUDENT SUCCESS":
14	(A) the retention rate of full-time, associate
15	degree-seeking first-time freshman students:
16	(i) enrolled in the institution after two
17	academic years; and
18	(ii) enrolled in the institution's in-state
19	peer institutions after two academic years;
20	(B) the percentage of undergraduate students
21	requiring developmental education who, after three years from
22	entering the institution, graduated from or are still enrolled in:
23	(i) the institution; and
24	(ii) the institution's in-state peer
25	<u>institutions;</u>
26	(C) the three-year and four-year graduation
27	rates of full-time, associate degree-seeking students:

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1	(i) at the institution; and
2	(ii) at the institution's in-state peer
3	institutions;
4	(D) the percentage of students who transfer to a
5	general academic teaching institution or equivalent institution of
6	higher education:
7	(i) from the institution; and
8	(ii) from the institution's in-state peer
9	institutions; and
10	(E) the percentage of students either employed or
11	enrolled in a general academic teaching institution or equivalent
12	institution of higher education within one year after the date of
13	the student's graduation from:
14	(i) the institution; and
15	(ii) the institution's in-state peer
16	institutions; and
17	(4) under the heading "FUNDING":
18	(A) the total amount of money appropriated by the
19	legislature to the institution for that state fiscal year,
20	including money appropriated for faculty and staff health coverage
21	and other benefits;
22	(B) the total amount of money from any source
23	available to the institution in that state fiscal year;
24	(C) the percentage of the total revenue available
25	to the institution for the state fiscal year for which money
26	collected by the institution from tuition and fees accounts:
27	(i) at the institution; and

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

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1	(ii) at the institution's in-state peer
2	institutions; and
3	(B) a clearly identifiable link to information
4	described by Paragraph (A) disaggregated by student ethnicity;
5	(2) under the heading "DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES
6	AWARDED":
7	(A) the number of degrees or certificates awarded
8	for each level, type, or other category of degree or certificate
9	specified by the coordinating board for purposes of this paragraph:
10	(i) by the institution; and
11	(ii) by the institution's in-state peer
12	institutions; and
13	(B) a clearly identifiable link to the
14	information described by Paragraph (A) disaggregated by student
15	<pre>ethnicity;</pre>
16	(3) under the heading "COSTS," the average annual cost
17	of tuition and fees, which for a junior college must include those
18	costs for an in-district and out-of-district student, for a student
19	enrolled in 30 semester credit hours toward a two-year degree:
20	(A) at the institution; and
21	(B) at the institution's in-state peer
22	institutions;
23	(4) under the heading "FINANCIAL AID":
24	(A) the percentage of students who receive grants
25	or scholarships:
26	(i) at the institution; and
27	(ii) at the institution's in-state peer

1 institutions; 2 (B) the percentage of students who receive 3 grants, scholarships, loans, or work-study funds: 4 (i) at the institution; and 5 (ii) at the institution's in-state peer 6 institutions; 7 (C) the average amount of a student's grant and 8 scholarship package: 9 (i) at the institution; and 10 (ii) at the institution's in-state peer 11 institutions; 12 (D) the average amount of a student's grant, scholarship, loan, and work-study package: 13 (i) at the institution; and 14 15 (ii) at the institution's in-state peer 16 institutions; and 17 (E) the percentage of students who graduated with education-related debt and the average amount of education-related 18 19 debt of those students: 20 (i) from the institution; and 21 (ii) from the institution's in-state peer 22 institutions; and (5) under the heading "STUDENT SUCCESS": 23 24 (A) the retention rate of full-time, associate 25 degree-seeking first-time freshman students: (i) enrolled in the institution after two 26 27 academic years; and

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

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

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1	(A) the total number of students enrolled in the
2	institution during the fall semester;
3	(B) if applicable, the total number of students
4	enrolled in the institution's medical school during the fall
5	semester; and
6	(C) if applicable, the total number of students
7	enrolled in resident programs accredited by the Accreditation
8	Council for Graduate Medical Education or the American Osteopathic
9	Association at the institution during the fall semester;
10	(2) under the heading "COSTS," the average annual cost
11	of tuition and fees, including those costs identified by type of
12	degree program if required by coordinating board rule, for a
13	resident, full-time student:
14	(A) at the institution; and
15	(B) at the institution's in-state and
16	out-of-state peer institutions;
17	(3) under the heading "STUDENT SUCCESS":
18	(A) if applicable, the percentage of medical
19	school students who pass Part 1 or Part 2 of any examination
20	administered or accepted for a medical license under Subtitle B,
21	Title 3, Occupations Code:
22	(i) at the institution; and
23	(ii) at the institution's in-state and
24	out-of-state peer institutions;
25	(B) if applicable, the percentage of medical
26	school students who are practicing primary care in this state:
27	(i) after graduating from the institution;

1	and
2	(ii) after graduating from the
3	institution's in-state peer institutions;
4	(C) the four-year and six-year graduation rates
5	of full-time, bachelor's degree-seeking students:
6	(i) at the institution; and
7	(ii) at the institution's in-state and
8	out-of-state peer institutions;
9	(D) the number of nursing degrees or allied
10	health degrees awarded for each level:
11	(i) by the institution; and
12	(ii) by the institution's in-state and
13	out-of-state peer institutions; and
14	(E) the estimated total amount of the
15	institution's research expenditures during that state fiscal year;
16	and
17	(4) under the heading "FUNDING":
18	(A) the total amount of money appropriated by the
19	legislature to the institution, including money appropriated for
20	faculty and staff health coverage and other benefits, for that
21	state fiscal year; and
22	(B) the total amount of money from any source
23	available to the institution for that state fiscal year.
24	Sec. 51A.153. REPORT CARD FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS,
25	PARENTS, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. (a) Each institution to
26	which this subchapter applies shall create an online performance
27	report card that is designed for use by prospective students of the

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

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

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1	(C) the average amount of a student's grant and
2	scholarship package;
3	(D) the average amount of a student's grant,
4	scholarship, loan, and work-study package; and
5	(E) the percentage of students who graduated from
6	the institution with education-related debt and the average
7	education-related debt of those students;
8	(4) under the heading "STUDENT SUCCESS":
9	(A) if applicable, the percentage of medical
10	school students who pass Part 1 or Part 2 of any examination
11	administered or accepted for a medical license under Subtitle B,
12	Title 3, Occupations Code:
13	(i) at the institution; and
14	(ii) at the institution's in-state peer
15	institutions;
16	(B) if applicable, the percentage of medical
17	school students who are practicing primary care in this state:
18	(i) after graduating from the institution;
19	and
20	(ii) after graduating from the
21	institution's in-state peer institutions;
22	(C) with clearly identifiable links to the
23	information disaggregated by student ethnicity, the four-year and
24	six-year graduation rates of full-time, bachelor's degree-seeking
25	students:
26	(i) at the institution; and
27	(ii) at the institution's in-state peer

1	institutions;
2	(D) the number of nursing degrees or allied
3	health degrees awarded for each level:
4	(i) by the institution; and
5	(ii) by the institution's in-state peer
6	institutions; and
7	(E) the estimated total amount of the
8	institution's research expenditures; and
9	(5) under the heading "FIRST-TIME LICENSURE OR
10	CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION PASS RATES," the first-time licensure or
11	certification examination pass rates in applicable fields of
12	students who are enrolled in or have graduated from:
13	(A) the institution; and
14	(B) the institution's in-state peer

15 <u>institutions.</u>

16 SECTION 2. An institution of higher education required to 17 create an online performance report card under Chapter 51A, 18 Education Code, as added by this Act, shall create the report card 19 and provide the report card on the institution's Internet website 20 not later than September 1, 2008.

SECTION 3. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall establish a list of representative in-state and out-of-state peer institutions for each institution required to create an online performance report card and provide that list on the board's Internet website, as required by Section 51A.003, Education Code, as added by this Act, as soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 4. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall provide on the board's Internet website the initial performance report cards for institutions of higher education as required by Section 51A.003, Education Code, as added by this Act, as soon as practicable after receiving the initial report cards from those institutions of higher education.

7 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives 8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as 9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this 10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this 11 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.