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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to reports of performance data of private or independent
3 institutions of higher education and to the publication of that
4 data.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 61.0902, Education Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 Sec. 61.0902. PUBLICATION OF PERFORMANCE DATA OF GENERAL
9 ACADEMIC TEACHING INSTITUTIONS AND PRIVATE OR INDEPENDENT
10 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. (a) The board shall administer a
11 program to publish performance data provided to the board under
12 this section by general academic teaching institutions and by
13 private or independent institutions of higher education that offer
14 one or more baccalaureate degrees [~~under this section~~].

15 (b) Not later than the next November 1 following the
16 completion of an academic year, each [~~general academic teaching~~]
17 institution described by Subsection (a) shall provide to the board
18 one or more reports containing data related to:

19 (1) the qualifications of the entering freshman class
20 for the academic year covered by the report, including:

21 (A) the average [~~Texas Academic Skills Program~~
22 ~~Test~~] scores of the class on an assessment instrument designated
23 under Section 51.3062;

24 (B) the average scores of the class on each

1 generally recognized test or assessment used in college and
2 university undergraduate admissions, including the Scholastic
3 Assessment Test (SAT) and the American College Test (ACT);

4 (C) the range of scores of the class from the 25th
5 to the 75th percentile on each generally recognized test or
6 assessment used in college and university undergraduate
7 admissions, including the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) and the
8 American College Test (ACT);

9 (D) the overall grade point average of the class
10 for the academic year covered by the report;

11 (E) the number of students in the class who
12 graduated in the top 10 percent of the student's high school
13 graduating class; and

14 (F) enrollment percentages by ethnicity; and

15 (2) student performance and institution efficiency,
16 including:

17 (A) the retention rate of full-time students
18 after the completion of one academic year at the institution;

19 (B) the percentage of full-time degree-seeking
20 undergraduate students who earn a baccalaureate degree before the
21 sixth anniversary of the date of the student's first enrollment at
22 the institution;

23 (C) the percentage of lower-division semester
24 credit hours taught by tenured or tenure-track faculty;

25 (D) the percentage of undergraduate classes with
26 fewer than 20 students;

27 (E) the percentage of undergraduate classes with

1 more than 50 students;

2 (F) the student-to-faculty ratio for
3 undergraduate students;

4 (G) the percentage of students receiving
5 financial aid;

6 (H) the average cost of tuition and fees for an
7 undergraduate student enrolled for 12 semester credit hours;

8 (I) the average cost of on-campus room and board
9 for an academic year, excluding summer sessions;

10 (J) the number of disciplines in which master's
11 degrees are offered;

12 (K) the number of disciplines in which doctoral
13 degrees are offered;

14 (L) a description of any departments, schools, or
15 certificate or degree programs of the institution that have a
16 statewide or national reputation for excellence; and

17 (M) statistics regarding job placement rates for
18 students awarded certificates or degrees by the institution.

19 (c) Each year the board shall publish and post in a grid
20 format on the board's Internet site the names of the [~~general~~
21 ~~academic teaching~~] institutions described by Subsection (a), the
22 performance data required by Subsection (b) for the most recent
23 academic year for which the data is available, and any other
24 information considered appropriate by the board. The board shall
25 use the classification system developed by the Carnegie Foundation
26 in publishing and posting the data and other information.

27 (d) Each [~~general academic teaching~~] institution described

1 by Subsection (a) shall provide a link on the institution's
2 Internet home page to the board's Internet site described by
3 Subsection (c).

4 (e) An [~~A general academic teaching~~] institution described
5 by Subsection (a) is not required to report to the board the data
6 required by Subsection (b) if the data is available to the board
7 from another source.

8 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to the
9 reporting and publication of the performance data of private or
10 independent institutions of higher education under Section
11 61.0902, Education Code, as amended by this Act, beginning with the
12 data required to be reported not later than November 1, 2008.

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