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H.B. No. 577

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 relating to requiring public institutions of higher education to
3 notify the federal Student Exchange and Visitor Information System
4 (SEVIS) regarding the withdrawal or nonattendance of certain
5 foreign students.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is
8 amended by adding Section 51.9091 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 51.9091. REQUIRED NOTIFICATION OF FEDERAL STUDENT
10 EXCHANGE AND VISITOR INFORMATION SYSTEM (SEVIS) REGARDING
11 WITHDRAWAL OR NONATTENDANCE OF CERTAIN FOREIGN STUDENTS. A public
12 institution of higher education that is certified by the United
13 States secretary of homeland security to enroll a foreign student
14 admitted into the United States under a nonimmigrant F or M visa
15 shall immediately notify the federal Student Exchange and Visitor
16 Information System (SEVIS) if:

17 (1) a student enrolled under an F or M visa withdraws
18 from the institution or withdraws from all courses in which the
19 student is enrolled; or

20 (2) the institution dismisses a student enrolled under
21 an F or M visa for nonattendance or takes any other official
22 administrative action in regard to the student as a result of the
23 student's nonattendance.

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.