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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 <u>out-of-state peer institutions and maintain that list on the</u>
- 7 <u>coordinating board's Internet website;</u>
- 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 if
- 12 possible, and is accessible through a link that appears in a
- 13 prominent place on the coordinating board's Internet website
- 14 homepage;
- 15 (B) uses enhanced, user-friendly search
- capabilities to ensure that the information required to be included
- in the report card is easily accessible to the persons for whom the
- 18 report card is designed; and
- 19 (C) includes a clearly identifiable link to
- 20 information on the coordinating board's Internet website regarding
- 21 the coordinating board's higher education accountability system;
- 22 and
- 23 <u>(4) ensure that the information provided in each</u>
- 24 report card is accurate and up to date and includes the most recent
- 25 data available for out-of-state peer institutions.
- 26 (c) The coordinating board may modify, as the coordinating
- 27 board considers necessary, national data regarding an

- 1 institution's out-of-state peer institutions to ensure uniformity
- 2 in the comparison of that data to data regarding the institution for
- 3 which the report card is created and the institution's in-state
- 4 peer institutions in a report card under this chapter.
- 5 (d) The coordinating board is not required to include in the
- 6 report card any category of information that is unavailable to the
- 7 <u>coordinating board.</u>
- 8 Sec. 51A.003. DUTIES OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
- 9 RELATING TO REPORT CARDS. Each institution of higher education to
- 10 which this chapter applies shall:
- 11 (1) submit to the coordinating board any information
- 12 requested by the coordinating board as necessary for the
- 13 <u>coordinating board to include information or calculate data</u>
- 14 required to be included in the institution's report cards; and
- 15 (2) ensure that the institution's Internet website
- 16 homepage includes, in a prominent place, an accessible link to the
- 17 institution's online report cards maintained on the coordinating
- 18 board's Internet website.
- 19 [Sections 51A.004-51A.050 reserved for expansion]
- 20 SUBCHAPTER B. ONLINE PERFORMANCE REPORT CARDS FOR FOUR-YEAR GENERAL
- 21 <u>ACADEMIC TEACHING INSTITUTIONS</u>
- Sec. 51A.051. APPLICABILITY OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter
- 23 applies only to general academic teaching institutions, other than
- 24 public state colleges.
- Sec. 51A.052. REPORT CARD FOR LEGISLATORS AND OTHER
- 26 POLICYMAKERS. (a) The coordinating board shall maintain for each
- 27 institution to which this subchapter applies an online report card

- 1 that is designed for use by legislators and other interested
- 2 policymakers.
- 3 (b) The report card required by this section must identify:
- 4 (1) the institutional grouping to which the
- 5 <u>institution</u> 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 <u>(c) For purposes of this section, information required to be</u>
- 10 <u>included in the report card regarding the institution's in-state or</u>
- 11 out-of-state peer institutions must be listed in the form of the
- 12 average of that information for those institutions unless otherwise
- 13 prescribed by coordinating board rule.
- 14 (d) The report card must include the following information
- 15 relating to the institution for the most recent state fiscal year
- 16 for which the information is available, and compare that
- 17 information to the same information for the state fiscal year
- 18 preceding the most recent state fiscal year for which the
- 19 information is available and the state fiscal year preceding the
- 20 most recent state fiscal year for which the information is
- 21 available by five years:
- (1) under the heading "ENROLLMENT," the total number
- 23 of students enrolled in the institution during the fall semester
- that ended in the fiscal year covered by the report card;
- 25 (2) under the heading "COSTS," the average annual
- 26 total academic costs for a resident undergraduate student enrolled
- 27 <u>in 30 semester credit hours:</u>

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1	(A) at the institution; and
2	(B) at the institution's in-state and
3	<pre>out-of-state peer institutions;</pre>
4	(3) under the heading "STUDENT SUCCESS":
5	(A) the retention rate of first-time, full-time,
6	degree-seeking entering undergraduate students:
7	(i) enrolled in the institution after one
8	academic year and after two academic years; and
9	(ii) enrolled in the institution's in-state
10	peer institutions after two academic years;
11	(B) the percentage of undergraduate students
12	requiring developmental education who, after six years from
13	entering the institution, graduated from or are still enrolled in:
14	(i) the institution; and
15	(ii) the institution's in-state peer
16	institutions;
17	(C) the four-year and six-year graduation rates
18	of full-time degree-seeking students:
19	(i) at the institution; and
20	(ii) at the institution's in-state and
21	out-of-state peer institutions; and
22	(D) the average number of fall and spring
23	semesters of enrollment attempted by a student to obtain a
24	<pre>bachelor's degree:</pre>
25	(i) at the institution; and
26	(ii) at 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, including money appropriated for
4	faculty and staff health coverage and retirement benefits; and
5	(B) the total amount of money from any source
6	available to the institution in that state fiscal year.
7	Sec. 51A.053. REPORT CARD FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS,
8	PARENTS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. (a) The coordinating board
9	shall maintain for each institution to which this subchapter
10	applies an online performance report card that is designed for use
11	by prospective students of the institution, their parents, and
12	other interested members of the public. A report card required for
13	an institution under this section is not required to include
14	information that the coordinating board considers to be
15	substantially duplicative of information reported and available to
16	the public through the Voluntary System of Accountability Program.
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) Except as otherwise provided by the coordinating board
23	under Subsection (a), the report card must include the following
24	information relating to the most recent state fiscal year for which
25	the information is available:
26	(1) under the heading "ENROLLMENT":
27	(A) the total number of students enrolled in the

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

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

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

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

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

(i) the institution; and

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1	(ii) the institution's in-state peer
2	<pre>institutions;</pre>
3	(C) the three-year, four-year, and six-year
4	graduation rates of full-time credential-seeking students:
5	(i) at the institution; and
6	(ii) at the institution's in-state peer
7	institutions;
8	(D) the percentage of students who transferred to
9	a general academic teaching institution or equivalent institution
10	of higher education, as determined using the accountability system
11	definition of a transfer student:
12	(i) from the institution; and
13	(ii) from the institution's in-state peer
14	institutions; and
15	(E) the percentage of graduates from the
16	preceding academic year who, as of the fall semester that ended in
17	the fiscal year covered by the report card, were either employed or
18	enrolled in a general academic teaching institution or equivalent
19	institution of higher education for:
20	(i) the institution; and
21	(ii) the institution's in-state peer
22	institutions; and
23	(4) under the heading "FUNDING":
24	(A) the total amount of money appropriated by the
25	legislature to the institution for that state fiscal year,
26	including money appropriated for faculty and staff health coverage

and retirement benefits;

(B) the total amount of money from any source
available to the institution in that state fiscal year; and
(C) the tax rate per \$100 valuation of taxable
property imposed by the junior college district, if the institution
is a public junior college.
Sec. 51A.103. REPORT CARD FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS,
PARENTS, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. (a) The coordinating
board shall maintain for each institution to which this subchapter
applies an online performance report card that is designed for use
by prospective students of the institution, their parents, and
other interested members of the public.
(b) The report card 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 peer institutions.
(c) For purposes of this section, information required to be
included in the report card regarding the institution's in-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 most recent state fiscal year for which the
information is available:
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(1) under the heading "ENROLLMENT":

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

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1	(i) at the institution; and
2	(ii) at the institution's in-state peer
3	<u>institutions;</u>
4	(B) the percentage of students who receive
5	need-based grants, scholarships, loans, or work-study funds:
6	(i) at the institution; and
7	(ii) at the institution's in-state peer
8	<pre>institutions;</pre>
9	(C) the average amount of a student's need-based
10	grant and scholarship package:
11	(i) at the institution; and
12	(ii) at the institution's in-state peer
13	institutions; and
14	(D) the average amount of a student's need-based
15	grant, scholarship, loan, and work-study package:
16	(i) at the institution; and
17	(ii) at the institution's in-state peer
18	institutions; and
19	(5) under the heading "STUDENT SUCCESS":
20	(A) the retention rate of first-time, full-time,
21	credential-seeking entering undergraduate students:
22	(i) enrolled in the institution after two
23	academic years; and
24	(ii) enrolled in the institution's in-state
25	peer institutions after two academic years;
26	(B) the percentage of students requiring

developmental education who, after three years from entering the

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1	institution, have graduated from or are still enrolled in:
2	(i) the institution; and
3	(ii) the institution's in-state peer
4	institutions;
5	(C) the three-year, four-year, and six-year
6	graduation rates of full-time degree-seeking students:
7	(i) at the institution; and
8	(ii) at the institution's in-state peer
9	institutions;
10	(D) the percentage of students who transferred to
11	a general academic teaching institution or equivalent institution
12	of higher education, as determined using the accountability system
13	definition of a transfer student:
14	(i) from the institution; and
15	(ii) from the institution's in-state peer
16	institutions; and
17	(E) the percentage of graduates from the
18	preceding academic year who, as of the fall semester that ended in
19	the fiscal year covered by the report card, were either employed or
20	enrolled in a general academic teaching institution or equivalent
21	institution of higher education for:
22	(i) the institution; and
23	(ii) the institution's in-state peer
24	institutions.
25	[Sections 51A.104-51A.150 reserved for expansion]

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1	SUBCHAPTER D. ONLINE PERFORMANCE REPORT CARDS FOR MEDICAL AND
2	DENTAL UNITS
3	Sec. 51A.151. APPLICABILITY OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter
4	applies only to medical and dental units.
5	Sec. 51A.152. REPORT CARD FOR LEGISLATORS AND OTHER POLICY
6	MAKERS. (a) The coordinating board shall maintain for each
7	institution to which this subchapter applies an online performance
8	report card designed for use by legislators and other interested
9	<pre>policy makers.</pre>
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	<u>institutions.</u>

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(d) The report card must include the following information 21 22 relating to the institution for the most recent state fiscal year for which the information is available, and compare that 23 24 information to the same information for the state fiscal year preceding the most recent state fiscal year for which the 25 26 information is available and the state fiscal year preceding the

prescribed by coordinating board rule.

(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

most recent state fiscal year for which the information is

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

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1	(ii) at the institution's in-state and
2	<pre>out-of-state peer institutions;</pre>
3	(B) if applicable, the percentage of medical
4	school students who are practicing primary care in this state:
5	(i) after graduating from the institution;
6	<u>and</u>
7	(ii) after graduating from the
8	institution's in-state peer institutions;
9	(C) 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	(D) the estimated total amount of the
15	institution's research expenditures for the most recent state
16	fiscal year available; 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 retirement 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) The coordinating
26	board shall maintain for each institution to which this subchapter
27	applies an online performance report card that is designed for use

- 1 by prospective students of the institution, their parents, and
- 2 other interested members of the 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 <u>education accountability system; and</u>
- 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 <u>included in the report card regarding the institution's in-state</u>
- 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 for which the
- 16 information is available:
- 17 (1) under the heading "ENROLLMENT," with clearly
- 18 identifiable links to the information disaggregated by student
- 19 ethnicity:
- 20 (A) the total number of students enrolled in the
- 21 <u>institution during the fall semester that ended in the fiscal year</u>
- 22 <u>covered by the report card;</u>
- 23 (B) if applicable, the total number of students
- 24 enrolled in the institution's medical school during that fall
- 25 semester; and
- 26 (C) if applicable, the total number of physicians
- 27 certified by the institution annually on September 1 as training in

1	residency programs accredited by the Accreditation Council for
2	Graduate Medical Education or the American Osteopathic Association
3	at the institution on the most recent September 1 for which the
4	information is available;
5	(2) under the heading "COSTS":
6	(A) the average annual total academic costs,
7	including those costs identified by type of degree program if
8	required by coordinating board rule, for a resident, full-time
9	student at the institution;
10	(B) clearly identifiable links to information
11	regarding:
12	(i) the tuition per academic year charged
13	by the institution under Section 54.051;
14	(ii) any mandatory fees, as defined by the
15	coordinating board, imposed by the institution; and
16	(iii) the amount and percentage by which
17	the institution has increased tuition for a degree program or
18	course level during the five state fiscal years preceding the state
19	fiscal year covered by the report card; and
20	(C) the average cost to a resident undergraduate
21	student enrolled in 30 semester credit hours for tuition and fees;
22	(3) under the heading "FINANCIAL AID":
23	(A) the percentage of graduate students enrolled
24	in the institution who receive need-based grants or scholarships;
25	(B) the percentage of graduate students enrolled

in the institution who receive need-based grants, scholarships,

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loans, or work-study funds;

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1	(C) the average amount of a graduate student's
2	need-based grant and scholarship package; and
3	(D) the average amount of a graduate student's
4	need-based grant, scholarship, loan, and work-study package;
5	(4) under the heading "STUDENT SUCCESS":
6	(A) if applicable, the percentage of medical
7	school students who pass Part 1 or Part 2 of any examination
8	administered or accepted for a medical license under Subtitle B,
9	Title 3, Occupations Code:
10	(i) at the institution; and
11	(ii) at the institution's in-state peer
12	<u>institutions;</u>
13	(B) if applicable, the percentage of medical
14	school students who are practicing primary care in this state:
15	(i) after graduating from the institution;
16	and
17	(ii) after graduating from the
18	institution's in-state peer institutions;
19	(C) the number of nursing degrees or allied
20	health degrees awarded for each level:
21	(i) by the institution; and
22	(ii) by the institution's in-state peer
23	institutions; and
24	(D) the estimated total amount of the
25	institution's research expenditures; and
26	(5) under the heading "FIRST-TIME LICENSURE OF

CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION PASS RATES," the first-time licensure or

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- 1 certification examination pass rates in applicable fields of
- 2 students who are enrolled in or have graduated from:
- 3 (A) the institution; and
- 4 (B) the institution's in-state peer
- 5 <u>institutions.</u>
- 6 SECTION 2. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- 7 shall create the online performance report cards required by
- 8 Chapter 51A, Education Code, as added by this Act, and provide the
- 9 report cards on the board's Internet website not later than
- 10 February 1, 2010.
- 11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 15 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.