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H.B. No. 743

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) or a successor program 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, 2011.