

1-1 By: Alvarado, J. Davis of Harris, Munoz, Jr. H.B. No. 1296
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Taylor)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 15, 2013;
 1-4 April 18, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-5 Economic Development; May 13, 2013, reported adversely, with
 1-6 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5,
 1-7 Nays 0; May 13, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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1-17 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1296 By: Birdwell

1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to information regarding postsecondary education and
 1-21 career opportunities and workforce needs in this state.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 7, Education Code, is
 1-24 amended by adding Section 7.040 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 7.040. POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND CAREER
 1-26 OPPORTUNITIES. (a) The agency shall prepare information comparing
 1-27 institutions of higher education in this state and post the
 1-28 information on the agency's Internet website. Information prepared
 1-29 under this section shall be given to a public school student who
 1-30 requests the information. The information shall:

1-31 (1) identify postsecondary education and career
 1-32 opportunities, including information that states the benefits of
 1-33 four-year and two-year higher education programs, postsecondary
 1-34 technical education, skilled workforce careers, and career
 1-35 education programs;

1-36 (2) compare each institution of higher education with
 1-37 other institutions regarding:

1-38 (A) the relative cost of tuition;

1-39 (B) the retention rate of students;

1-40 (C) the graduation rate of students;

1-41 (D) the average student debt;

1-42 (E) the loan repayment rate of students; and

1-43 (F) the employment rate of students;

1-44 (3) identify the state's future workforce needs, as
 1-45 projected by the Texas Workforce Commission; and

1-46 (4) include annual wage information for the top 10
 1-47 highest demand jobs in this state, as identified by the Texas
 1-48 Workforce Commission.

1-49 (b) The agency shall collaborate with the Texas Higher
 1-50 Education Coordinating Board and the Texas Workforce Commission to
 1-51 obtain the information required under Subsection (a). The agency
 1-52 shall incorporate the use of existing materials and develop new
 1-53 materials to be provided to counselors, students, and parents
 1-54 regarding institutions of higher education.

1-55 (c) Each institution of higher education shall include on
 1-56 its Internet website, in a prominent location that is not more than
 1-57 three hyperlinks from the website's home page, a link to the
 1-58 information posted on the agency's Internet website under
 1-59 Subsection (a).

1-60 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is

2-1 amended by adding Section 61.0907 to read as follows:

2-2 Sec. 61.0907. REPORT PROJECTING WORKFORCE NEEDS. (a) The
2-3 board, in conjunction with the Texas Workforce Commission and in
2-4 consultation with any other state agency as requested by the board
2-5 or the commission, shall collect relevant information and make
2-6 five-year projections concerning:

2-7 (1) the workforce needs of this state; and

2-8 (2) the educational attainment and training of persons
2-9 projected to enter the state workforce.

2-10 (b) Based on the projections made under Subsection (a), the
2-11 board shall identify the types and levels of education, training,
2-12 and skills that are needed to meet the state's future workforce
2-13 needs and shall make recommendations concerning the expansion of
2-14 existing programs or the development of new programs at public and
2-15 private postsecondary educational institutions in this state as
2-16 necessary to meet the projected workforce needs.

2-17 (c) A postsecondary educational institution may use the
2-18 recommendations made under Subsection (b) in planning for degree
2-19 programs, coursework offerings, and training programs.

2-20 (d) Not later than February 1, 2015, the board shall prepare
2-21 and submit electronically to each standing legislative committee
2-22 with primary jurisdiction over higher education or workforce
2-23 development, each public and private postsecondary educational
2-24 institution in this state, and the Texas Education Agency a report
2-25 of the information collected and analyzed under this section,
2-26 including recommendations of the board for programming at
2-27 postsecondary educational institutions. The board may provide
2-28 subsequent updates to the report as the board considers necessary.

2-29 (e) This section expires August 31, 2017.

2-30 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-31 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-32 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-33 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-34 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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