

By: Branch

H.B. No. 3519

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to providing information to entering undergraduate students at general academic teaching institutions to promote timely graduation.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.9195 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.9195. INFORMATION FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS REGARDING BENEFITS OF TIMELY GRADUATION. (a) In this section, "general academic teaching institution" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

(b) Each general academic teaching institution shall provide to each first-time entering undergraduate student, including each undergraduate student who transfers to the institution, a statement that includes:

(1) a comparison of the average total academic costs paid by a full-time student who graduates from the institution in the following number of academic years:

(A) four years;

(B) five years; and

(C) six years; and

(2) an estimate of the average earnings lost by a recent graduate of the institution as a result of graduating after five or six years instead of four years.

1 (c) A general academic teaching institution shall include
2 with the statement provided to a student under Subsection (b):

3 (1) a list of actions that the student can take to
4 facilitate graduating from the institution in a timely manner; and

5 (2) contact information for available academic,
6 career, and other related support services at the institution to
7 assist the student in that effort.

8 (d) In consultation with general academic teaching
9 institutions, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
10 adopt any rules the coordinating board considers appropriate for
11 the administration of this section.

12 SECTION 2. Section 51.9195, Education Code, as added by
13 this Act, applies beginning with undergraduate students who
14 initially enroll in a general academic teaching institution for the
15 2014 fall semester.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.