

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 1576  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2013; March 19, 2013, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human Services;  
 1-4 April 22, 2013, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 22, 2013,  
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1576 By: Zaffirini

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to a study and report of issues affecting persons with  
 1-22 disabilities at state agencies and postsecondary educational  
 1-23 institutions.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Chapter 115, Human Resources Code, is amended by  
 1-26 adding Section 115.0095 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 115.0095. STUDY REGARDING ACCESSIBILITY OF STATE  
 1-28 AGENCY AND HIGHER EDUCATION RESOURCES AND INFORMATION. (a) In  
 1-29 this section, "postsecondary educational institution" means an  
 1-30 institution of higher education or a private or independent  
 1-31 institution of higher education, as those terms are defined by  
 1-32 Section 61.003, Education Code.

1-33 (b) The committee, in collaboration with the Texas Higher  
 1-34 Education Coordinating Board and the Department of Information  
 1-35 Resources, shall conduct a study to identify difficulties persons  
 1-36 with disabilities are encountering at state agencies and  
 1-37 postsecondary educational institutions that receive state or  
 1-38 federal funds.

1-39 (c) The study must include an evaluation of the  
 1-40 accessibility of resources and information, whether printed or  
 1-41 electronic, including:

1-42 (1) materials provided by a state agency or  
 1-43 postsecondary educational institution; and

1-44 (2) with regard to a postsecondary educational  
 1-45 institution, learning and content management software used by the  
 1-46 institution and information and resources provided by student  
 1-47 organizations of the institution.

1-48 (d) The committee shall include the results of the study and  
 1-49 any recommendations for legislative or administrative action in the  
 1-50 report submitted to the governor and the legislature under Section  
 1-51 115.009(3) before December 31, 2014.

1-52 (e) This section expires September 1, 2015.

1-53 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-54 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-55 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-56 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-57 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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