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H.B. No. 197

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring a public institution of higher education to post information regarding mental health resources on the institution's Internet website.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.9193 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.9193. REQUIRED POSTING OF MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES.

(a) In this section:

(1) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

(2) "Local mental health authority" has the meaning assigned by Section 531.002, Health and Safety Code.

(b) Each institution of higher education shall create a web page on the institution's Internet website dedicated solely to information regarding the mental health resources available to students at the institution. The web page must include the address of the nearest local mental health authority.

SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, each public institution of higher education shall post on its Internet website the information required by Section 51.9193, Education Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.