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H.B. No. 1612

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a requirement that public institutions of higher
3 education provide certain information to students and school
4 districts regarding student performance on Texas Success
5 Initiative assessment instruments.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 51.3062, Education Code, is amended by
8 adding Subsections (u) and (u-1) to read as follows:

9 (u) An institution of higher education that administers an
10 assessment instrument to students under this section shall:

11 (1) provide to each assessed student an individual
12 score report that includes information regarding each item answered
13 incorrectly by the student; and

14 (2) report to each school district from which assessed
15 students graduated high school the following data on the district's
16 students:

17 (A) each student's scores on the assessment
18 instrument; and

19 (B) data on the students' overall performance on
20 the assessment instrument disaggregated by:

21 (i) content area for each subject tested;
22 and

23 (ii) student demographics, including
24 campus, race, ethnicity, sex, age, and populations served by

1 special programs, including special education, bilingual
2 education, special language programs, gifted and talented
3 programs, and compensatory education programs.

4 (u-1) The board shall adopt rules as necessary to implement
5 Subsection (u), including rules for implementing that subsection in
6 a manner that complies with federal law regarding confidentiality
7 of student medical or educational information, including the Health
8 Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C.
9 Section 1320d et seq.) and the Family Educational Rights and
10 Privacy Act of 1974 (20 U.S.C. Section 1232g), and any state law
11 relating to the privacy of student information.

12 SECTION 2. Sections 51.3062(u) and (u-1), Education Code,
13 as added by this Act, apply beginning with assessment instruments
14 administered by public institutions of higher education to entering
15 undergraduate students for the 2016 fall semester.

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