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H.B. No. 1807

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to maintain an inventory of postsecondary educational programs and services for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 61.0663 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.0663. INVENTORY OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. (a) The board shall maintain an inventory of all postsecondary educational programs and services provided for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities by institutions of higher education.

(b) The board shall:

(1) post the inventory on the board's Internet website in an easily identifiable and accessible location;

(2) submit the inventory to the Texas Education Agency for inclusion in the transition and employment guide under Section 29.0112; and

(3) update the inventory at least once every two years.

(c) At times prescribed by the board, each institution of higher education shall report to the board all programs and

1 services described by Subsection (a) provided by that institution.

2 SECTION 2. Section 29.0112(b), Education Code, is amended
3 to read as follows:

4 (b) The transition and employment guide must contain
5 information specific to this state regarding:

6 (1) transition services;

7 (2) employment and supported employment services;

8 (3) social security programs;

9 (4) community and long-term services and support;

10 (5) postsecondary educational programs and services,
11 including the inventory maintained by the Texas Higher Education
12 Coordinating Board under Section 61.0663;

13 (6) information sharing with health and human services
14 agencies and providers;

15 (7) guardianship and alternatives to guardianship;

16 (8) self-advocacy, person-directed planning, and
17 self-determination; and

18 (9) contact information for all relevant state
19 agencies.

20 SECTION 3. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
21 shall compile the inventory required by Section 61.0663, Education
22 Code, as added by this Act, not later than September 1, 2016. The
23 Texas Education Agency shall comply with Section 29.0112(b)(5),
24 Education Code, as amended by this Act, as soon as practicable after
25 the inventory is available.

26 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
27 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.