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S.B. No. 36

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to requiring the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board  
3 to maintain an inventory of postsecondary educational programs and  
4 services for persons with intellectual and developmental  
5 disabilities.

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

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

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

15 (b) The board shall:

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

18 (2) submit the inventory to the Texas Education Agency  
19 for inclusion in the transition and employment guide under Section  
20 [29.0112](#); and

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

23 (c) At times prescribed by the board, each institution of  
24 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.