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S.B. No. 37

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a study of the participation of individuals with  
3 intellectual or developmental disabilities in public higher  
4 education.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 61.081 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 61.081. CONTINUING STUDY OF PARTICIPATION OF PERSONS  
9 WITH INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES IN HIGHER  
10 EDUCATION. (a) The board shall collect data and maintain a  
11 database relating to the participation of persons with intellectual  
12 or developmental disabilities in this state in public higher  
13 education, including data relating to applications, recruitment,  
14 admissions, retention, graduation, and professional licensing of  
15 persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities at both the  
16 undergraduate and graduate levels.

17 (b) The board shall maintain a continuous study of the data  
18 collected under Subsection (a) and of factors affecting that data.

19 (c) In order to avoid duplication with any other study by  
20 the office of the comptroller, the board shall, through a  
21 memorandum of understanding, work in conjunction with the  
22 comptroller in conducting the study.

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.