

AN ACT

relating to requiring the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to collect and study data on the participation of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities at public institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 61.0664 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.0664. COLLECTION AND STUDY OF DATA ON PARTICIPATION OF PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION. (a) The board shall collect and maintain data relating to undergraduate and graduate level participation of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities at institutions of higher education, including data regarding applications for admission, admissions, retention, graduation, and professional licensing.

(b) The board shall conduct an ongoing study of the data collected and maintained under Subsection (a) to analyze factors affecting the participation of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities at institutions of higher education.

(c) The board shall conduct an ongoing study on the recruitment of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities at institutions of higher education. The study must identify previously made recruitment efforts, limitations on

1 recruitment, and possible methods for recruitment. Not later than
2 November 1 of each even-numbered year, the board shall submit to the
3 governor and members of the legislature a report on the results of
4 the study conducted under this subsection and any recommendations
5 for legislative or other action.

6 (d) Each institution of higher education, at times
7 prescribed by the board, shall submit to the board any information
8 requested by the board as necessary for the board to carry out its
9 duties under this section.

10 (e) The board shall adopt rules as necessary to implement
11 this section in a manner that ensures compliance with federal law
12 regarding confidentiality of student medical or educational
13 information, including the Health Insurance Portability and
14 Accountability Act of 1996 (42 U.S.C. Section 1320d et seq.) and the
15 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (20 U.S.C.
16 Section 1232g).

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 37 passed the Senate on April 30, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 28, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 37 passed the House, with amendment, on May 23, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 119, Nays 20, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor