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S.B. No. 37

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 37:

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C.S.S.B. No. 37

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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 61.0664 to read as follows:

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

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

21 (c) The board shall conduct an ongoing study on the
22 recruitment of persons with intellectual and developmental
23 disabilities at institutions of higher education. The study must
24 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.