

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 37
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 10, 2014; January 26, 2015,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;
 1-4 April 15, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,
 1-5 Nays 0; April 15, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to a study of the participation of individuals with
 1-18 intellectual or developmental disabilities in public higher
 1-19 education.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is
 1-22 amended by adding Section 61.081 to read as follows:

1-23 Sec. 61.081. CONTINUING STUDY OF PARTICIPATION OF PERSONS
 1-24 WITH INTELLECTUAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES IN HIGHER
 1-25 EDUCATION. (a) The board shall collect data and maintain a
 1-26 database relating to the participation of persons with intellectual
 1-27 or developmental disabilities in this state in public higher
 1-28 education, including data relating to applications, recruitment,
 1-29 admissions, retention, graduation, and professional licensing of
 1-30 persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities at both the
 1-31 undergraduate and graduate levels.

1-32 (b) The board shall maintain a continuous study of the data
 1-33 collected under Subsection (a) and of factors affecting that data.

1-34 (c) In order to avoid duplication with any other study by
 1-35 the office of the comptroller, the board shall, through a
 1-36 memorandum of understanding, work in conjunction with the
 1-37 comptroller in conducting the study.

1-38 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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