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S.B. No. 1624

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a requirement that certain entering students at a  
3 general academic teaching institution receive information  
4 regarding mental health and suicide prevention services.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 51.9194 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 51.9194. REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR ENTERING STUDENTS  
9 REGARDING MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION SERVICES. (a) A  
10 general academic teaching institution shall provide to each  
11 entering full-time undergraduate, graduate, or professional  
12 student, including each full-time undergraduate, graduate, or  
13 professional student who transfers to the institution, information  
14 about:

15 (1) available mental health and suicide prevention  
16 services offered by the institution or by any associated  
17 organizations or programs; and

18 (2) early warning signs that are often present in and  
19 appropriate intervention for a person who may be considering  
20 suicide.

21 (b) The information required under this section:

22 (1) may be provided through:

23 (A) a live presentation; or

24 (B) a format that allows for student interaction,

1 such as an online program or video; and

2 (2) may not be provided in a paper format only.

3 SECTION 2. Section 51.9194, Education Code, as added by  
4 this Act, applies to full-time entering students who are admitted  
5 to an undergraduate, graduate, or professional degree program at a  
6 general academic teaching institution beginning with the 2016 fall  
7 semester.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.