

1-1 By: Rodríguez S.B. No. 1624
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 12, 2015; March 23, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;
 1-4 May 7, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 2; May 7, 2015, sent
 1-6 to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Seliger	X			
1-9 West	X			
1-10 Bettencourt		X		
1-11 Burton		X		
1-12 Menéndez	X			
1-13 Perry	X			
1-14 Watson	X			

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1624 By: Watson

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a requirement that certain entering students at a
 1-20 general academic teaching institution receive information
 1-21 regarding mental health and suicide prevention services.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is
 1-24 amended by adding Section 51.9194 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 51.9194. REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR ENTERING STUDENTS
 1-26 REGARDING MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION SERVICES. (a) A
 1-27 general academic teaching institution shall provide to each
 1-28 entering full-time undergraduate, graduate, or professional
 1-29 student, including each full-time undergraduate, graduate, or
 1-30 professional student who transfers to the institution, information
 1-31 about:

1-32 (1) available mental health and suicide prevention
 1-33 services offered by the institution or by any associated
 1-34 organizations or programs; and

1-35 (2) early warning signs that are often present in and
 1-36 appropriate intervention for a person who may be considering
 1-37 suicide.

1-38 (b) The information required under this section:

1-39 (1) may be provided through:

1-40 (A) a live presentation; or

1-41 (B) a format that allows for student interaction,
 1-42 such as an online program or video, and that lasts not more than 15
 1-43 minutes; and

1-44 (2) may not be provided in a paper format only.

1-45 SECTION 2. Section 51.9194, Education Code, as added by
 1-46 this Act, applies to full-time entering students who are admitted
 1-47 to an undergraduate, graduate, or professional degree program at a
 1-48 general academic teaching institution beginning with the 2016 fall
 1-49 semester.

1-50 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-51 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-52 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-53 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-54 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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