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H.B. No. 330

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to an investigation by the Department of Public Safety
3 into the response by certain public and private institutions of
4 higher education to reports of sexual assault at those
5 institutions.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 411, Government Code, is
8 amended by adding Section 411.952 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 411.952. INVESTIGATION AND REPORT ON SEXUAL ASSAULT AT
10 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. (a) In this section,
11 "postsecondary educational institution" means an institution of
12 higher education or a private or independent institution of higher
13 education, as those terms are defined by Section 61.003, Education
14 Code.

15 (b) Using funds already appropriated, the Department of
16 Public Safety shall collect information regarding the response by
17 public institutions of higher education, and private institutions
18 of higher education that receive tuition equalization grants, to
19 reports of sexual assault committed against students enrolled at
20 those institutions. The investigation must include a review of
21 policies adopted by those institutions that have the effect of
22 detering students from reporting incidents of sexual assault or of
23 hindering investigations of those reports.

24 (c) Not later than December 1, 2018, the department shall

1 submit to the legislature and the Texas Higher Education
2 Coordinating Board a report on the department's findings. Based on
3 the department's report, the coordinating board shall review the
4 policies adopted by those institutions that have the effect of
5 detering students from reporting those incidents or of hindering
6 investigations of those reports.

7 (d) This section expires September 1, 2019.

8 SECTION 2. 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 on the 91st day after the last day of the
13 legislative session.