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H.B. No. 802

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a requirement that online admission application forms for public institutions of higher education include a link to certain postsecondary education and career opportunity information.

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

SECTION 1. Section 51.762, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) An electronic common admission application form adopted under this section must include a prominent link to the comparative postsecondary education and career opportunity information maintained by the Texas Education Agency on the agency's Internet website under Section 7.040.

SECTION 2. Section 51.763(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The form must:

(1) [shall] allow each applicant to:

(A) [(1)] apply electronically to one or more of the general academic teaching institutions within the university system; and

(B) [(2)] indicate preferences for admission between those institutions; and

(2) include a prominent link to the comparative postsecondary education and career opportunity information

1 maintained by the Texas Education Agency on the agency's Internet
2 website under Section 7.040.

3 SECTION 3. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
4 and the governing board of a university system shall comply with
5 Section 51.762(b-1) or 51.763(b)(2), Education Code, as added by
6 this Act, as applicable, as soon as practicable following the
7 effective date of this Act but not later than January 1, 2018.

8 SECTION 4. 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, 2017.