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S.B. No. 249

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the submission of an affordability and access report by public institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 51.4031(a) and (d), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Not later than November 1 of each year, the chief executive officer of each institution of higher education, as defined by Section 61.003, shall provide to the governing board of the institution and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board a report for the preceding fall, spring, and summer semesters that examines the affordability and access of the institution.

(d) An institution's report must be in the form prescribed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in consultation with the institution. The coordinating board shall provide a report received under this section to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and each member of the legislature. The coordinating board may provide the report electronically.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.