

1-1 By: Seliger S.B. No. 887
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 14, 2017; February 28, 2017,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;
 1-4 March 13, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; March 13, 2017,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
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1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 887 By: Seliger

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

1-19 relating to a requirement that certain participating institutions
 1-20 under the student loan program administered by the Texas Higher
 1-21 Education Coordinating Board provide loan debt information to
 1-22 certain students.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 52, Education Code, is
 1-25 amended by adding Section 52.335 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 52.335. REQUIRED LOAN DEBT DISCLOSURE. (a) This
 1-27 section applies to a participating higher educational institution
 1-28 that enrolls one or more students receiving state financial aid
 1-29 administered by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

1-30 (b) At least annually a participating higher educational
 1-31 institution to which this section applies that receives education
 1-32 loan information for a student enrolled at the institution shall
 1-33 provide to that student in an electronic communication the
 1-34 following information:

1-35 (1) an estimate of the total amount of state and
 1-36 federal education loans incurred by the student;

1-37 (2) an estimate of the total payoff amount, or a range
 1-38 for that amount, for the amount described by Subdivision (1),
 1-39 including principal and interest; and

1-40 (3) an estimate of the monthly repayment amount that
 1-41 the student may incur for the repayment of the amount described by
 1-42 Subdivision (1), including principal and interest.

1-43 (c) A participating higher educational institution is
 1-44 required to include in the disclosure only education loan debt
 1-45 information regarding the student that the institution:

1-46 (1) receives or otherwise obtains from the United
 1-47 States Department of Education's central database for student aid;
 1-48 and

1-49 (2) may reasonably collect from its own records.

1-50 (d) The disclosure required under this section must:

1-51 (1) identify the types of education loans included in
 1-52 the institution's estimates; and

1-53 (2) include:

1-54 (A) a statement that the disclosure is not a
 1-55 complete and official record of the student's education loan debt;

1-56 (B) an explanation regarding why the disclosure
 1-57 may not be complete or accurate, including an explanation that for a
 1-58 transfer student, the institution's estimates regarding state
 1-59 loans reflect only state loans incurred by the student for
 1-60 attendance at the institution; and

2-1 (C) a statement that the institution's estimates
2-2 are general in nature and are not intended as a guarantee or
2-3 promise.

2-4 (e) A participating higher educational institution does not
2-5 incur liability for any representation made under this section.

2-6 (f) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
2-7 adopt rules for the administration of this section.

2-8 SECTION 2. Section 52.335, Education Code, as added by this
2-9 Act, applies beginning with the 2018-2019 academic year.

2-10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-14 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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