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S.B. No. 1092

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to access to certain meetings and information of private or independent institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Section 61.226, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 61.226. APPLICATION OF LAWS TO RECEIVING INSTITUTIONS.

(a) Any college or university receiving any benefit under the provisions of this subchapter, either directly or indirectly, shall be subject to all present or future laws enacted by the legislature.

(b) The governing board of a college or university with enrolled students who receive tuition equalization grants under this subchapter in an annual amount of \$5 million or more:

(1) is subject to Chapter 551, Government Code, in the same manner as the governing board of a public institution of higher education;

(2) must publish all governing documents publicly on the college or university's Internet website, including any bylaws, codes of conduct, confidentiality agreements, conflict of interest policies, or operating procedures;

(3) must make all board committee membership and board committee charges available to the public; and

(4) may not require members of the governing board to enter into a nondisclosure agreement to obtain access to

1 information described by this subsection, including a matter  
2 discussed or considered in an open meeting under Subdivision (1).

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.