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S.B. No. 1277

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a requirement that online admission application forms  
3 for public institutions of higher education include a link to  
4 certain employment data relating to fields of study.

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

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

8 (b-1) An electronic common admission application form  
9 adopted under this section must include a prominent link to the  
10 Texas Consumer Resource for Education and Workforce Statistics  
11 ("Texas CREWS") report on gainful employment.

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

14 (b) The form must:

15 (1) [shall] allow each applicant to:

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

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

21 (2) include a prominent link to the Texas Consumer  
22 Resource for Education and Workforce Statistics ("Texas CREWS")  
23 report on gainful employment.

24 SECTION 3. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

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

5 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.