

Amend CSHB 3808 (senate committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.9358 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.9358. DESIGNATION OF SUPPORT SERVICES LIAISON OFFICER TO ASSIST STUDENTS. (a) In this section:

(1) "Coordinating board" means the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

(2) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

(b) Each institution of higher education shall designate at least one employee of the institution to act as a liaison officer for current or incoming students at the institution. The liaison officer shall provide to the students comprehensive information regarding support services and other resources available to the students, including:

(1) resources to access:

(A) medical and behavioral health coverage and services; and

(B) public benefit programs, including programs related to food security, affordable housing, and housing subsidies;

(2) public benefit program case management assistance and counseling;

(3) parenting and child care resources;

(4) employment assistance;

(5) financial counseling and tax preparation assistance;

(6) transportation assistance;

(7) student academic success strategies; and

(8) any other resources developed by the institution to assist the students.

(c) An institution of higher education may designate under Subsection (b) the same employee to act as liaison officer as the employee designated under Section 51.9356 to act as liaison officer for current and incoming students at the institution who were

formerly in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.