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H.B. No. 277

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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

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  
10 comparative gainful employment data regarding institutions of  
11 higher education, including information described by Section  
12 7.040, on a website maintained by the board using data compiled by  
13 the board in coordination with the Texas Workforce Commission.

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

16 (b) The form must:

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

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

21 (B) [(2)] indicate preferences for admission  
22 between those institutions; and

23 (2) include a prominent link to comparative gainful  
24 employment data regarding institutions of higher education,

1 including information described by Section 7.040, on a website  
2 maintained by the board using data compiled by the board in  
3 coordination with the Texas Workforce Commission.

4 SECTION 3. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board  
5 and the governing board of a university system shall comply with  
6 Section 51.762(b-1) or 51.763(b)(2), Education Code, as added by  
7 this Act, as applicable, as soon as practicable following the  
8 effective date of this Act but not later than January 1, 2020.

9 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.