

1-1 By: Howard, et al. H.B. No. 1702
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Hancock, et al.)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 16, 2019;
 1-4 April 17, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher
 1-5 Education; May 8, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-6 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 8, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to services provided for students at public institutions
 1-21 of higher education who are or were in foster care.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 51.9356, Education Code,
 1-24 is amended to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 51.9356. DESIGNATION OF LIAISON OFFICER TO ASSIST
 1-26 STUDENTS WHO ARE OR WERE ~~FORMERLY~~ IN FOSTER CARE.

1-27 SECTION 2. Section 51.9356, Education Code, is amended by
 1-28 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsections (c), (d), (e), and
 1-29 (f) to read as follows:

1-30 (b) Each institution of higher education shall designate at
 1-31 least one employee of the institution to act as a liaison officer
 1-32 for current and incoming students at the institution who are or were
 1-33 formerly in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and
 1-34 Protective Services. To the extent allowed by state or federal law,
 1-35 the institution shall identify those students from information
 1-36 provided to the institution in admission or financial aid
 1-37 applications or other available resources.

1-38 (c) Each semester or other academic term, an institution of
 1-39 higher education shall provide to the institution's liaison officer
 1-40 the names of and information regarding the students described by
 1-41 Subsection (b).

1-42 (d) The liaison officer shall provide to the ~~those~~
 1-43 students described by Subsection (b) information regarding support
 1-44 services and other resources available to the students at the
 1-45 institution and any other relevant information to assist the
 1-46 students.

1-47 (e) The liaison officer may participate in any training that
 1-48 enables the officer to carry out the officer's duties and
 1-49 coordinate with liaison officers at other educational
 1-50 institutions.

1-51 (f) Each institution of higher education shall publicize,
 1-52 including through the institution's Internet website, social
 1-53 media, electronic mail, or other means of communication used by the
 1-54 institution:

1-55 (1) the name of and contact information for the
 1-56 institution's liaison officer; and

1-57 (2) information regarding support services and other
 1-58 resources available at the institution to the students described by
 1-59 Subsection (b).

1-60 SECTION 3. Not later than January 1, 2020, each public
 1-61 institution of higher education shall publicize the information

2-1 required by Section 51.9356(f), Education Code, as added by this
2-2 Act.

2-3 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-7 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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