

By: Davis of Dallas, Guillen

H.B. No. 3607

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on methods to reduce certain textbook and course material costs.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 61.06651 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.06651. STUDY ON ELECTRONIC TEXTBOOK AND COURSE MATERIAL COSTS. (a) In this section, "core curriculum" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.821.

(b) The board shall conduct a study on methods to reduce the cost of electronic textbooks and course materials required or recommended for core curriculum courses.

(c) Not later than December 31, 2020, the board shall submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the chair of each legislative standing committee with jurisdiction over higher education a report on the results of the study and any recommendations for legislative or other action.

(d) This section expires September 1, 2021.

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

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.