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H.B. No. 3652

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a state repository for open educational resources by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 61.0670 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.0670. STATE REPOSITORY OF OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES. (a) In this section, "open educational resource" has the meaning assigned by Section 51.451.

(b) The board shall contract with a high-quality open educational resource repository to develop and maintain a web portal customized to meet the needs of individual institutions of higher education, students, and others who may benefit from access to open educational resources.

(c) Open educational resources available through the portal must be searchable by course or learning outcome, program or field of study, marketable skills, college readiness, and other topics as determined by the board.

(d) The portal must provide access to repositories maintaining a wide range of open educational resources, including textbooks, full courses, course materials, modules, images, videos, assessment software, and any other tools, materials, or techniques used to support learning.

(e) Resources developed with state funds shall be made

1 available under a Creative Commons license and submitted for use as  
2 an open educational resource through a repository available through  
3 the portal. A publisher may submit instructional materials for  
4 inclusion in a repository available through the portal.

5 (f) The board may request the assistance of the Learning  
6 Technology Advisory Committee to establish, maintain, and market  
7 the web portal required under this section.

8 SECTION 2. Not later than September 1, 2020, the Texas  
9 Higher Education Coordinating Board shall develop the web portal  
10 required under Section 61.0670, Education Code, as added by this  
11 Act.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.