

1-1 By: Buckingham S.B. No. 1677  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2021; March 24, 2021, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;  
1-4 April 19, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 19, 2021,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	Creighton	X		
1-10	West	X		
1-11	Birdwell	X		
1-12	Blanco	X		
1-13	Miles	X		
1-14	Paxton	X		
1-15	Springer	X		
1-16	Taylor	X		
1-17	Zaffirini	X		

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1677 By: Paxton

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to eliminating certain reporting and posting requirements  
1-22 for public institutions of higher education and other state  
1-23 agencies and the requirement for a plan by certain school districts  
1-24 to increase enrollment in public institutions of higher education.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Section 51.402(b), Education Code, is amended to  
1-27 read as follows:

1-28 (b) The governing board of each institution of higher  
1-29 education in the state shall adopt rules and regulations concerning  
1-30 faculty academic workloads. In adopting rules under this  
1-31 subsection, each institution shall recognize that classroom  
1-32 teaching, basic and applied research, and professional development  
1-33 are important elements of faculty academic workloads by giving  
1-34 appropriate weight to each activity when determining the standards  
1-35 for faculty academic workload. An institution may give the same or  
1-36 different weight to each activity and to other activities  
1-37 recognized by the institution as important elements of faculty  
1-38 academic workloads. ~~[The established rules and regulations of each~~  
1-39 ~~institution shall be included in the operating budgets of each~~  
1-40 ~~institution.]~~

1-41 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 61, Education Code, is  
1-42 amended by adding Section 61.0341 to read as follows:

1-43 Sec. 61.0341. LIMITATION ON DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING  
1-44 REQUIREMENTS. (a) The legislature finds that data collection and  
1-45 reporting requirements for institutions of higher education must be  
1-46 limited and reduced to the extent feasible.

1-47 (b) If the commissioner of higher education determines that  
1-48 the board has access to an alternative means of collecting data or  
1-49 receiving information to be included in a report sufficient to  
1-50 fulfill a requirement under this code, the board by rule may  
1-51 eliminate the reporting requirement for that data or information.

1-52 SECTION 3. Section 659.0201(b), Government Code, is amended  
1-53 to read as follows:

1-54 (b) A state agency that accepts a gift, grant, donation, or  
1-55 other consideration from a person that the person designates to be  
1-56 used as a salary supplement for an employee of the agency shall post  
1-57 on the agency's Internet website ~~[, in addition to the information~~  
1-58 ~~required by Section 659.026,~~] the amount of each gift, grant,  
1-59 donation, or other consideration provided by the person that is  
1-60 designated to be used as a salary supplement for an employee of the

2-1 agency. The agency may not post the name of the person.  
2-2 SECTION 4. The following provisions are repealed:  
2-3 (1) Sections 29.904 and 51.4031, Education Code; and  
2-4 (2) Section 659.026, Government Code.  
2-5 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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