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H.B. No. 1604

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a report by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board regarding students with disabilities in higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 61.06642 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.06642. REPORT REGARDING HIGHER EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES. (a) The coordinating board shall prepare a report on enrollment and success in higher education for students with disabilities.

(b) The report must identify:

(1) the number and percentage of students with a disability who enroll in a public or private institution of higher education;

(2) barriers that exist for students with disabilities to enroll in higher education;

(3) higher education institutional policies that promote enrollment and success in higher education for students with disabilities

(4) whether services and accommodations for students with disabilities who enroll in public or private institutions of higher education are accessible; and

(5) whether students with disabilities currently receive sufficient and accurate information regarding their civil

1 rights.

2 (d) Not later than September 1, 2024, the board shall submit  
3 to the legislature the report and any recommendations for  
4 legislative or other action.

5 (e) This section expires January 1, 2025.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.