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H.B. No. 3296

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to reporting requirements regarding certain data related to students at two-year public institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 2308A, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2308A.0091 to read as follows:

Sec. 2308A.0091. ANNUAL REPORT REGARDING TWO-YEAR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT AND WAGE OUTCOMES. (a)

In this section:

(1) "Average first-year wages" means the average annual wages earned by a yearly cohort's graduates and leavers during the first calendar year following the calendar year in which those persons graduated from or were last enrolled in the applicable two-year institution of higher education.

(2) "Graduate" means a person who:

(A) has been awarded a degree or certificate from a two-year institution of higher education; and

(B) is not determined by the coordinating board for purposes of this section to be enrolled in another institution of higher education.

(3) "Leaver" means a student who:

(A) has completed at least nine semester credit hours or the equivalent at a two-year institution of higher education;

1 (B) is no longer enrolled at the institution but
2 did not graduate; and

3 (C) is not determined by the coordinating board
4 for purposes of this section to be enrolled in another institution
5 of higher education.

6 (4) "Placement rate" in regard to a yearly cohort
7 means the proportion of the yearly cohort's graduates and leavers
8 determined by the coordinating board to be working in this state
9 during the first calendar year following the calendar year in which
10 the yearly cohort's members graduated from or were last enrolled in
11 the applicable two-year institution of higher education, expressed
12 as a percentage.

13 (5) "Transfer rate" in regard to an institution's
14 yearly cohort means the proportion of the yearly cohort's members
15 who are no longer enrolled in the institution but did not graduate
16 and are determined by the coordinating board for purposes of this
17 section to be enrolled in another institution of higher education.

18 (6) "Two-year institution of higher education" has the
19 meaning assigned by Section 54.751, Education Code.

20 (7) "Yearly cohort" means a cohort of students from a
21 two-year institution of higher education that includes, for a
22 calendar year, each:

23 (A) graduate who graduated from the institution
24 during that calendar year;

25 (B) leaver who last enrolled in the institution
26 during that calendar year; and

27 (C) student who last enrolled in the institution

1 during that calendar year but did not graduate and is determined by
2 the coordinating board for purposes of this section to be enrolled
3 in another institution of higher education.

4 (b) Not later than March 31 of each calendar year, the
5 coordinating board shall:

6 (1) determine, in consultation with the commission,
7 the most recent calendar year for which the entire calendar year's
8 unemployment insurance wage record data may be obtained from the
9 commission;

10 (2) obtain from the commission the unemployment
11 insurance wage record data for the calendar year identified in
12 Subdivision (1);

13 (3) collate the unemployment insurance wage record
14 data obtained under Subdivision (2) using the social security
15 numbers for graduates and leavers in each two-year institution of
16 higher education's yearly cohort for the calendar year immediately
17 preceding the calendar year for which the unemployment insurance
18 wage record data was obtained;

19 (4) use the unemployment insurance wage record data
20 collated under Subdivision (3) to determine the average first-year
21 wages and placement rate for each yearly cohort described by
22 Subdivision (3); and

23 (5) using enrollment data from all institutions of
24 higher education, determine the transfer rate for each yearly
25 cohort described by Subdivision (3).

26 (c) Not later than the first Monday of April of each year,
27 the coordinating board shall submit a report to each member of the

1 legislature, the lieutenant governor, the governor, the
2 comptroller, and the chief executive officer of each two-year
3 institution of higher education. The report must contain the most
4 recently available average first-year wages, placement rate, and
5 transfer rate of each two-year institution of higher education, as
6 determined by the coordinating board under Subsection (b).

7 (d) The coordinating board shall:

8 (1) maintain copies of each report submitted under
9 Subsection (c) in a manner that is accessible for public
10 inspection; and

11 (2) on the person's request, provide a copy of a report
12 maintained under Subdivision (1) to a member of the legislature,
13 the lieutenant governor, the governor, the comptroller, or the
14 chief executive officer of a two-year institution of higher
15 education.

16 (e) The coordinating board may adopt rules as necessary for
17 the administration of this section.

18 SECTION 2. Section 130.0035(b), Education Code, is amended
19 to read as follows:

20 (b) The report must include the following information for
21 the junior college district for the academic year covered by the
22 report:

23 (1) the rate at which students completed courses
24 attempted;

25 (2) the number and types of degrees and certificates
26 awarded;

27 (3) the percentage of graduates who passed licensing

1 exams related to the degree or certificate awarded, to the extent
2 the information can be determined;

3 (4) the number of students or graduates who transfer
4 to or are admitted to a public university;

5 (5) the passing rates for students required to be
6 tested under former Section 51.306;

7 (6) the percentage of students enrolled who are
8 academically disadvantaged;

9 (7) the percentage of students enrolled who are
10 economically disadvantaged;

11 (8) the racial and ethnic composition of the
12 district's student body; ~~and~~

13 (9) the percentage of student contact hours taught by
14 full-time faculty; and

15 (10) the most recent average first-year wages,
16 placement rate, and transfer rate for the district's students
17 reported by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in the
18 coordinating board's most recent report under Section 2308A.0091,
19 Government Code.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.