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H.B. No. 5126

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to requiring public institutions of higher education to
3 publish certain online resources.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter 2, Chapter 51, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 51.9747 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 51.9747. ONLINE PUBLIC RESOURCES. (a) In this
8 section:

9 (1) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning
10 assigned by Section 61.003.

11 (2) "Training session" means a program, lecture,
12 presentation, or directed group activity planned or presented by an
13 institution of higher education for students, faculty, staff, or
14 the public, whether mandatory or voluntary, for the purpose of
15 coordinating behavior with certain standards or securing
16 compliance with a certain message or purpose. The term includes any
17 orientation program for new students, faculty, or staff and any
18 training regarding topics surrounding race, gender, sexual
19 identity, campus climate, or interpersonal relations.

20 (b) Each institution of higher education shall make
21 available to prospective students, parents of prospective
22 students, and other interested members of the public on the
23 institution's Internet website:

24 (1) a syllabus portal;

1 (2) an employment information directory; and

2 (3) a training sessions database.

3 (c) The information made available under Subsection (b)
4 must be:

5 (1) accessible from the institution's Internet website
6 home page by the use of not more than three website links;

7 (2) searchable by keywords and phrases; and

8 (3) accessible to the public without requiring
9 registration or use of a user name, password, or other form of user
10 identification.

11 (d) The syllabus portal must include a single database
12 containing the course syllabus for every classroom course offered
13 for credit by the institution. A syllabus included in the portal:

14 (1) must comply with the requirements under Section
15 51.974(a)(1); and

16 (2) may exclude the time and location of class
17 meetings.

18 (e) The employment information directory must be updated at
19 least annually and include the following information for each
20 employee or officer of the institution:

21 (1) name;

22 (2) department;

23 (3) tenure status;

24 (4) job title; and

25 (5) general job description.

26 (f) The state auditor shall audit each institution of higher
27 education's employment information directory for compliance with

1 this section and any other relevant provisions of law at least once
2 every three years. This subsection does not affect the state
3 auditor's authority to conduct an audit in accordance with Chapter
4 321, Government Code.

5 (g) The training sessions database must include a playable
6 video recording or written transcript record of every training
7 session the institution conducts for students, faculty, or staff.
8 The recording or transcript must include the entirety of the
9 training session, including any question and answer session, but
10 may not include any personally identifying information of a
11 student, faculty member, or staff member who participated in the
12 training session but was not involved with the planning,
13 coordination, or presentation of the training session.

14 (h) The governing board of each institution of higher
15 education shall designate an administrator to be responsible for
16 ensuring compliance with this section. The administrator may
17 assign duties under this section to one or more administrative
18 employees.

19 (i) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board may adopt
20 rules necessary to implement this section.

21 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
22 of this Act, each public institution of higher education shall
23 comply with Section 51.9747, Education Code, as added by this Act.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.