## **BILL ANALYSIS**

Senate Research Center 89R24692 JTZ-F C.S.S.B. 800 By: Zaffirini Education K-16 4/16/2025 Committee Report (Substituted)

## AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Under current law, Texas postsecondary institutions are required to provide orientations covering policies on sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. These orientations, however, lack consistent standards for presenting information regarding Title IX coordinators, office locations, and available services, which may hinder students' understanding of how to access critical resources and support.

Accordingly, S.B. 800 directs postsecondary institutions to include a video in these orientations that clearly communicates the names and contact information of Title IX coordinators, office locations, and the services offered by the Title IX office. This change would establish a uniform and accessible method for institutions to provide essential information, enhancing students' awareness and access to these vital services.

(Original Author's/Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

C.S.S.B. 800 amends current law relating to a public institution of higher education's orientation on the institution's sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking policy.

## **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

## SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 51.282(c), Education Code, as follows:

(c) Provides that the orientation on a postsecondary educational institution's sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking policy:

- (1) makes no changes to this subdivision; and
- (2) is required to include:

(A) a video that states the names of the institution's Title IX coordinators and deputy coordinators, the location and contact information of the institution's Title IX office, and the services provided by the institution's Title IX office; and

(B) creates this paragraph from existing text and makes no further changes.

SECTION 2. Provides that Section 51.282(c), Education Code, as amended by this Act, applies beginning with the 2025–2026 academic year.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2025.