

By: González of El Paso

H.B. No. 271

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 271:

By: Shofner

C.S.H.B. No. 271

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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 ENROLLMENT AND SUCCESS IN HIGHER EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES. (a) In this section, "student with a disability" means a student covered under:

(1) the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. Section 12101 et seq.); or

(2) Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Section 794).

(b) Not later than September 1, 2027, the board shall prepare and submit to the legislature a report on enrollment and success in higher education for students with a disability.

(c) The report must identify, to the extent practicable:

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

(2) barriers to enrollment in higher education for students with a disability;

(3) policies of institutions of higher education or

1 private or independent institutions of higher education that
2 promote enrollment and success in higher education for students
3 with a disability;

4 (4) what services and accommodations for students with
5 a disability are provided for accessibility at institutions of
6 higher education or private or independent institutions of higher
7 education;

8 (5) what institutions of higher education or private
9 or independent institutions of higher education do to provide to
10 students with a disability sufficient and accurate information
11 regarding the educational rights and protections for persons with a
12 disability under state and federal law; and

13 (6) any recommendations for legislative or other
14 action.

15 (d) An institution of higher education shall provide to the
16 board on request, and the board may request from a private or
17 independent institution of higher education, any information
18 necessary for the board to prepare the report.

19 (e) This section expires September 1, 2028.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.