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H.B. No. 4349

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to prohibiting a public institution of higher education from providing funding to a student organization that promotes diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter 2, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.991 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.991. PROHIBITION ON FUNDING STUDENT ORGANIZATION THAT PROMOTES DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION INITIATIVES. (a) In this section:

(1) "Diversity, equity, and inclusion initiative" means an initiative based on providing differential treatment or special benefits to individuals on the basis of race, color, or ethnicity.

(2) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

(3) "Student organization" includes any organization that is composed mostly of students enrolled at an institution of higher education.

(b) An institution of higher education may not provide funding to a student organization that:

(1) adopts a policy based on a diversity, equity, and inclusion initiative;

(2) holds a program or event, including a third-party

1 event, based on a diversity, equity, and inclusion initiative;

2 (3) has an office or officer dedicated to promoting
3 diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives; or

4 (4) promotes a diversity, equity, and inclusion
5 initiative.

6 (c) A person aggrieved by a violation of this section may
7 file a complaint with the attorney general.

8 (d) The attorney general may file an action for injunctive
9 relief against an institution of higher education to compel the
10 institution to comply with this section.

11 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026
12 academic year.

13 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.