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H.B. No. 4361

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to establishing policies regarding the timely issuance of emergency notifications at public institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 61.070 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.070. COORDINATION OF EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS. The board, in consultation with administrators, faculty, staff, and students at institutions of higher education, shall adopt rules regarding standardized procedures for timely issuing emergency notifications in accordance with the Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act (20 U.S.C. Section 1092(f)), including emergency alerts through the system required under Section 51.218.

SECTION 2. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall adopt the rules required by Section 61.070, Education Code, as added by this Act, as soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act.

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