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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to transparency regarding requirements to complete a
3 certificate or degree program at a public institution of higher
4 education.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 61.07771 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 61.07771. TRANSPARENCY IN CERTIFICATE AND DEGREE
9 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS. (a) The board, in consultation with
10 institutions of higher education, shall adopt rules requiring
11 institutions of higher education to provide transparency in
12 certificate and degree program requirements for students enrolling
13 at or transferring to the institution.

14 (b) The rules must require each institution of higher
15 education to:

22 (i) the institution's internal Internet
23 website for students:

24 (ii) the institution's Internet website;

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1 and

2 (iii) the Internet website of the
3 department at the institution that offers the certificate or degree
4 program; and

5 (B) state:

15 SECTION 2. (a) Not later than January 1, 2026, the Texas
16 Higher Education Coordinating Board shall adopt the rules required
17 by Section 61.07771, Education Code, as added by this Act.

18 (b) A public institution of higher education shall comply
19 with the rules adopted under Subsection (a) of this section
20 beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year.

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