

CHAPTER 665

S.B. No. 543

AN ACT

relating to reporting of postsecondary academic performance to high schools.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Chapter 51, Education Code, as amended, is amended by amending the title of Subchapter H to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER H. GUIDELINES FOR ACADEMIC REPORTS [~~WORKLOADS~~]

SECTION 2. Section 51.403, Education Code, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 51.403. **REPORTS OF STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE.** (a) All higher education institutions of this state shall offer only such courses and teach such classes as are economically justified in the considered judgment of the appropriate governing board.

(b) After the end of each spring semester the chief executive officer of each institution shall provide its governing board a report for the preceding fall and spring semesters indicating for each instructor the number of students enrolled in each class, the number of semester-credit hours accrued to each course, the course number and title, the department in which the course is offered, and the identity and academic rank of the instructor.

(c) A report prepared under Subsection (b) of this section must compare student enrollments in each class on the last day of each semester with enrollments at the beginning of that semester.

(d) Each institution shall file with its governing board and the coordinating board a small class report, excluding individual instruction courses, indicating department, course number, title of course, and the name of the instructor. "Small classes," for the purpose of this report, are undergraduate-level courses with less than 10 registrations, and graduate-level courses with less than 5 registrations. No small classes shall be offered in any institution except as authorized by the appropriate governing board, within the guidelines established by the Coordinating Board.

(e) *Under guidelines established by the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, and the State Board of Education, postsecondary institutions shall report student performance during the first year enrolled after graduation from high school to the high school or junior college last attended. This report shall include, but not be limited to, appropriate student test scores, a description of developmental courses required, and the student's grade point average. Appropriate safeguards for student privacy shall be included in the rules for implementation of this subsection.*

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be

suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on April 2, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0. Passed the House on May 29, 1987, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 19, 1987.

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