

AN ACT

relating to requiring certain public institutions of higher education to post information regarding mental health resources on the institution's Internet website.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.9193 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.9193. REQUIRED POSTING OF MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES.

(a) In this section, "local mental health authority" has the meaning assigned by Section 531.002, Health and Safety Code.

(b) This section applies only to a general academic teaching institution, medical and dental unit, public junior college, public state college, or public technical institute as those terms are defined by Section 61.003.

(c) Each institution to which this section applies shall create a web page on the institution's Internet website dedicated solely to information regarding the mental health resources available to students at the institution. The web page must include the address of the nearest local mental health authority.

SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, each public institution of higher education to which Section 51.9193, Education Code, as added by this Act, applies shall post on its Internet website the information required by that section.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 197 was passed by the House on April 9, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 3, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 197 on May 21, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 197 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 20, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor