

1-1 By: Nevárez, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Uresti) H.B. No. 699
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2015;
1-3 May 7, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher
1-4 Education; May 22, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 4, Nays 2; May 22, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Seliger	X			
1-9	West	X			
1-10	Bettencourt		X		
1-11	Burton			X	
1-12	Menéndez	X			
1-13	Perry		X		
1-14	Watson	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to requiring public institutions of higher education to
1-18 establish a policy on campus sexual assault.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is
1-21 amended by adding Section 51.9363 to read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 51.9363. CAMPUS SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICY. (a) In this
1-23 section, "institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned
1-24 by Section 61.003.

1-25 (b) Each institution of higher education shall adopt a
1-26 policy on campus sexual assault. The policy must:

- 1-27 (1) include:
1-28 (A) definitions of prohibited behavior;
1-29 (B) sanctions for violations; and
1-30 (C) the protocol for reporting and responding to
1-31 reports of campus sexual assault; and

1-32 (2) be approved by the institution's governing board
1-33 before final adoption by the institution.

1-34 (c) Each institution of higher education shall make the
1-35 institution's campus sexual assault policy available to students,
1-36 faculty, and staff members by:

- 1-37 (1) including the policy in the institution's student
1-38 handbook and personnel handbook; and
1-39 (2) creating and maintaining a web page on the
1-40 institution's Internet website dedicated solely to the policy.

1-41 (d) Each institution of higher education shall require each
1-42 entering freshman or undergraduate transfer student to attend an
1-43 orientation on the institution's campus sexual assault policy
1-44 before or during the first semester or term in which the student is
1-45 enrolled at the institution. The institution shall establish the
1-46 format and content of the orientation.

1-47 (e) Each biennium, each institution of higher education
1-48 shall review the institution's campus sexual assault policy and,
1-49 with approval of the institution's governing board, revise the
1-50 policy as necessary.

1-51 SECTION 2. Section 51.9363, Education Code, as added by
1-52 this Act, applies beginning with the 2015 fall semester.

1-53 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-54 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-55 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-56 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-57 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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