

1-1 By: Guerra (Senate Sponsor - West) H.B. No. 2537
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2017;
 1-3 May 10, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Education; May 22, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 1; May 22, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-8 Lucio	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Campbell	X			
1-11 Hall			X	
1-12 Huffines		X		
1-13 Hughes	X			
1-14 Seliger	X			
1-15 Taylor of Collin	X			
1-16 Uresti	X			
1-17 West			X	

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to requiring public schools to provide information to
 1-22 certain students on the availability of financial assistance for
 1-23 postsecondary education.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 33.007(b), Education Code, is amended to
 1-26 read as follows:

1-27 (b) During the first school year a student is enrolled in a
 1-28 high school or at the high school level in an open-enrollment
 1-29 charter school, and again during each year of a student's
 1-30 enrollment in high school or at the high school level, a school
 1-31 counselor shall provide information about postsecondary education
 1-32 to the student and the student's parent or guardian. The
 1-33 information must include information regarding:

1-34 (1) the importance of postsecondary education;

1-35 (2) the advantages of earning an endorsement and a
 1-36 performance acknowledgment and completing the distinguished level
 1-37 of achievement under the foundation high school program under
 1-38 Section 28.025;

1-39 (3) the disadvantages of taking courses to prepare for
 1-40 a high school equivalency examination relative to the benefits of
 1-41 taking courses leading to a high school diploma;

1-42 (4) financial aid eligibility;

1-43 (5) instruction on how to apply for federal financial
 1-44 aid;

1-45 (6) the center for financial aid information
 1-46 established under Section 61.0776;

1-47 (7) the automatic admission of certain students to
 1-48 general academic teaching institutions as provided by Section
 1-49 51.803;

1-50 (8) the eligibility and academic performance
 1-51 requirements for the TEXAS Grant as provided by Subchapter M,
 1-52 Chapter 56; ~~and~~

1-53 (9) the availability of programs in the district under
 1-54 which a student may earn college credit, including advanced
 1-55 placement programs, dual credit programs, joint high school and
 1-56 college credit programs, and international baccalaureate programs;
 1-57 and

1-58 (10) the availability of education and training
 1-59 vouchers and tuition and fee waivers to attend an institution of
 1-60 higher education as provided by Section 54.366 for a student who is
 1-61 or was previously in the conservatorship of the Department of

2-1 Family and Protective Services.

2-2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-6 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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