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H.B. No. 1296

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to providing information to assist postsecondary
3 educational institutions in addressing the state's projected
4 workforce needs for training and 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 61.0907 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 61.0907. ANNUAL REPORT PROJECTING WORKFORCE NEEDS.

9 (a) The board, in conjunction with the Texas Workforce Commission
10 and in consultation with any other state agency as requested by the
11 board or the commission, shall collect relevant information and
12 make an annual projection for the next three-year period
13 concerning:

14 (1) the workforce needs of this state, including the
15 specific types and levels of education or training and the number of
16 workers with each type and level of education or training projected
17 to be needed; and

18 (2) the educational attainment and training of persons
19 projected to enter the state workforce, including:

20 (A) the number of postsecondary education
21 degrees and certificates projected to be awarded, disaggregated by
22 level and field;

23 (B) the number of relevant licenses,
24 certificates, or similar credentials projected to be awarded,

1 disaggregated by the industry, trade, or profession in which a
2 credential may be used; and

3 (C) any other types of specialized training and
4 skills projected to be available.

5 (b) Based on the projections made under Subsection (a), the
6 board shall identify the types and levels of education, training,
7 and skills that must be increased or decreased in meeting the
8 state's future workforce needs and shall make recommendations
9 concerning the creation, expansion, or contraction of programs at
10 public and private postsecondary educational institutions in this
11 state as necessary to meet the projected workforce needs.

12 (c) A postsecondary educational institution may use the
13 recommendations made under Subsection (b) in planning for degree
14 programs, coursework offerings, and training programs.

15 (d) Not later than February 1 of each odd-numbered year, the
16 board shall prepare and submit electronically to each standing
17 legislative committee with primary jurisdiction over higher
18 education or workforce development and to each public and private
19 postsecondary educational institution in this state a report of the
20 information collected and analyzed under this section, including
21 recommendations of the board for programming at postsecondary
22 educational institutions.

23 (e) This section expires August 31, 2017.

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.