

Chapter 481

H.B. No. 2537

1 AN ACT
2 relating to requiring public schools to provide information to
3 certain students on the availability of financial assistance for
4 postsecondary education.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 33.007(b), Education Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (b) During the first school year a student is enrolled in a
9 high school or at the high school level in an open-enrollment
10 charter school, and again during each year of a student's
11 enrollment in high school or at the high school level, a school
12 counselor shall provide information about postsecondary education
13 to the student and the student's parent or guardian. The
14 information must include information regarding:

15 (1) the importance of postsecondary education;

16 (2) the advantages of earning an endorsement and a
17 performance acknowledgment and completing the distinguished level
18 of achievement under the foundation high school program under
19 Section 28.025;

20 (3) the disadvantages of taking courses to prepare for
21 a high school equivalency examination relative to the benefits of
22 taking courses leading to a high school diploma;

23 (4) financial aid eligibility;

24 (5) instruction on how to apply for federal financial

1 aid;

2 (6) the center for financial aid information
3 established under Section 61.0776;

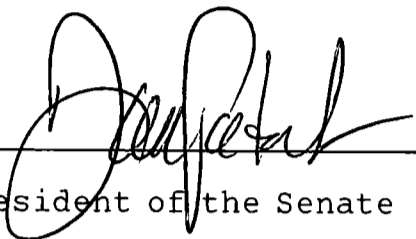
4 (7) the automatic admission of certain students to
5 general academic teaching institutions as provided by Section
6 51.803;

7 (8) the eligibility and academic performance
8 requirements for the TEXAS Grant as provided by Subchapter M,
9 Chapter 56; ~~and~~

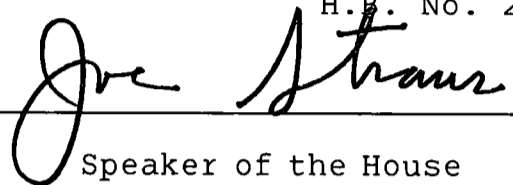
10 (9) the availability of programs in the district under
11 which a student may earn college credit, including advanced
12 placement programs, dual credit programs, joint high school and
13 college credit programs, and international baccalaureate programs;
14 and

15 (10) the availability of education and training
16 vouchers and tuition and fee waivers to attend an institution of
17 higher education as provided by Section 54.366 for a student who is
18 or was previously in the conservatorship of the Department of
19 Family and Protective Services.

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



President of the Senate

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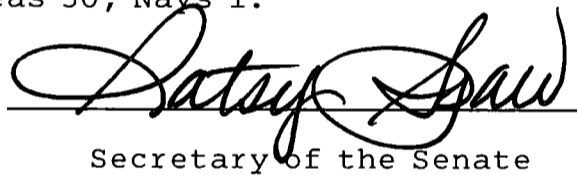
Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2537 was passed by the House on May 9, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.



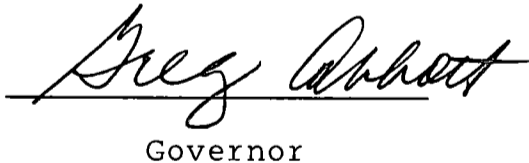
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2537 was passed by the Senate on May 24, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.




Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 6-7-2017
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Governor

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FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 12, 2017

TO: Honorable Larry Taylor, Chair, Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2537 by Guerra (Relating to requiring public schools to provide information to certain students on the availability of financial assistance for postsecondary education.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Education Code to require that school counselors provide information to certain foster students regarding the availability of education and training vouchers and tuition and fee waivers to attend institutions of higher education. Based on information provided by the Texas Education Agency, the Department of Family and Protective Services, and the Higher Education Coordinating Board, it is anticipated that the bill would result in no significant fiscal impact to the State.

Local Government Impact

The bill would result in some costs to local school districts to provide information to eligible students on vouchers and tuition and fee waivers if the district's school counselors are not already providing the information, but it is anticipated that any cost associated with the bill would be small and could be absorbed within existing resources.

Source Agencies: 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of, 701 Texas Education Agency, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

LBB Staff: UP, THo, AM, TSI, JLi

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FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 30, 2017

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FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

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