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S.B. No. 2109

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a requirement that each public institution of higher education develop and implement a strategic plan for the prevention of sexual assault and unplanned pregnancy.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.9364 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.9364. STRATEGIC PLAN FOR PREVENTION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND UNPLANNED PREGNANCY. (a) In this section, "institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

(b) Each institution of higher education shall develop and implement a strategic plan for the prevention of sexual assault on the institution's campus and unplanned pregnancy among the students enrolled at the institution.

(c) The strategic plan must:

(1) identify opportunities for raising awareness among, and providing information and resources to, students regarding campus sexual assault and unplanned pregnancy prevention, including through:

(A) the use of special events, presentations, and training sessions for students and student organizations; and

(B) the integration of educational information into student orientation programs provided to new students and

1 counseling or advising services provided to continuing students;  
2 and

3 (2) be approved by the institution's governing board  
4 before final adoption by the institution.

5 (d) Each biennium, each institution of higher education  
6 shall review the institution's strategic plan and, with approval of  
7 the institution's governing board, revise the plan as necessary.

8 (e) In consultation with institutions of higher education,  
9 the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall adopt any rules  
10 the coordinating board considers appropriate for the  
11 administration of this section.

12 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2018, the Texas Higher  
13 Education Coordinating Board shall adopt the rules required by  
14 Section 51.9364, Education Code, as added by this Act.

15 SECTION 3. Not later than September 1, 2018, each public  
16 institution of higher education shall develop and implement the  
17 strategic plan required by Section 51.9364, Education Code, as  
18 added by this Act.

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