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H.B. No. 2918

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring a public institution of higher education to post on its Internet website a status report regarding certain disciplinary processes involving an incident of campus sexual assault.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.9367 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.9367. STATUS REPORT OF DISCIPLINARY PROCESSES INVOLVING CAMPUS SEXUAL ASSAULT. (a) In this section, "institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

(b) Each institution of higher education shall post on the institution's Internet website in a manner accessible by the public a status report regarding each of the institution's pending or recently concluded disciplinary processes involving an incident of campus sexual assault.

(c) For each disciplinary process required to be included in the status report under this section, the status report:

(1) must include:

(A) the date on which the sexual assault was reported to the institution;

(B) the employee or employees of the institution responsible for resolving the disciplinary process;

1 (C) the stage of the disciplinary process; and

2 (D) when applicable, the outcome of the
3 disciplinary process; and

4 (2) may not identify any alleged perpetrator or
5 alleged victim of the sexual assault.

6 (d) The status report must be updated at least once per
7 month.

8 (e) Information regarding a disciplinary process required
9 to be included in the status report under Subsection (c):

10 (1) may not be removed from the institution's Internet
11 website until at least the 90th day after the date on which the
12 disciplinary process concludes; and

13 (2) must be preserved by the institution indefinitely
14 after removal from the institution's Internet website.

15 SECTION 2. Section 51.9367, Education Code, as added by
16 this Act, applies only to a disciplinary process initiated by a
17 public institution of higher education on or after the effective
18 date of this Act. A disciplinary process initiated before the
19 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
20 date the disciplinary process was initiated, and the former law is
21 continued in effect for that purpose.

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