

- SUBJECT:** Requiring data on intellectual disabilities and workforce education
- COMMITTEE:** Higher Education — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 8 ayes — Lozano, Raney, Alonzo, Alvarado, Button, Howard, Morrison, Turner
- 0 nays
- 1 absent — Clardy
- SENATE VOTE:** On final passage, April 3 — 31-0, on Local and Uncontested Calendar
- WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Jordan Fogle, CTD; Sebastien Laroche, Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc.; Richard Hernandez, ResCare Inc.)
- Against — None
- On — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Julie Eklund, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board)
- BACKGROUND:** Observers note that while the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board is required to collect data on individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities enrolled at the undergraduate and graduate levels of higher education, the board is not required to collect similar data for individuals enrolled in workforce education programs.
- DIGEST:** SB 719 would require the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to collect and maintain data on individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who were enrolled in workforce education or workforce continuing education programs eligible for state-appropriated formula funding. Data would include those regarding retention, graduation, and professional licensing.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.