BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Interested parties suggest that students who are in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services may be unaware of the availability of education and training vouchers and tuition and fee waivers to attend a public institution of higher education. H.B. 2537 increases awareness by including related information among the information about postsecondary education that a public school counselor is required to provide to certain students at certain times.

H.B. 2537 amends current law relating to requiring public schools to provide information to certain students on the availability of financial assistance for postsecondary education.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 33.007(b), Education Code, to require that information about postsecondary education include information regarding the availability of education and training vouchers and tuition and fee waivers to attend an institution of higher education as provided by Section 54.366 (Exemptions for Students under Conservatorship of Department of Family and Protective Services) for a student who is or was previously in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2017.