

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current law requires the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to submit a biennial report regarding students in the Texas work-study program. The report includes information about the employment position's location on or off campus and the employer's status as a for-profit or nonprofit entity. It does not, however, document the demographics of work-study participants. By increasing the frequency of the report and requiring more informative and relevant information, a more accurate, up-to-date, and reliable set of data can be acquired.

S.B. 1119 adds additional components to the report, including the race, gender, and majors of students in the program, to allow the legislature to obtain a better idea of how work-study is utilized by different students. The bill also changes the report from biennial to an annual. (Original Author's / Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

S.B. 1119 amends current law relating to an annual report on employment positions provided through the Texas college work-study program.

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 56.082, Education Code, as follows:

Sec. 56.082. New heading: ANNUAL REPORT. Deletes existing designation as Subsection (a). Requires the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), not later than January 1 of each year, rather than each odd-numbered year, to submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the standing legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over higher education and post on THECB's Internet website a report on the Texas college work-study program. Requires that the report include the total number of students employed through the program, disaggregated by:

- (1) race, ethnicity, and gender;
- (2) major and certificate or degree program;
- (3) classification as a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior or the equivalent;
- (4) enrollment in a full course load or less than a full course load, as determined by THECB;
- (5) creates this subdivision from existing text and makes no further changes to this subdivision; and

(6) redesignates existing Subdivision (2) as Subdivision (6) and makes no further changes to this subdivision.

(b) Deletes existing Subsection (b) requiring THECB to submit its initial report not later than May 1, 2019, notwithstanding Subsection (a), and providing that this subsection expires September 1, 2019.

SECTION 2. Requires THECB, not later than September 1, 2018, to submit its initial report required under Section 56.082, Education Code, as amended by this Act.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2017.