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S.B. No. 2614

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain requirements and penalties regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives at a medical and dental unit.

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

SECTION 1. Section 51.3525, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (h-1) to read as follows:

(d) Subsection (b)(1) may not be construed to apply to:

(1) academic course instruction, except for academic course instruction offered by a medical and dental unit;

(2) scholarly research or a creative work by an institution of higher education's students, faculty, or other research personnel or the dissemination of that research or work;

(3) an activity of a student organization registered with or recognized by an institution of higher education;

(4) guest speakers or performers on short-term engagements;

(5) a policy, practice, procedure, program, or activity to enhance student academic achievement or postgraduate outcomes that is designed and implemented without regard to race, sex, color, or ethnicity;

(6) data collection; or

(7) student recruitment or admissions.

1 (h-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (h), if the state auditor
2 determines pursuant to a compliance audit conducted under
3 Subsection (g) that a medical or dental unit has spent state money
4 to offer academic course instruction in violation of this section,
5 the medical or dental unit must cure the violation not later than
6 the 90th day after the date on which the determination is made to
7 avoid incurring the penalty described by Subsection (h)(2).

8 SECTION 2. Section 51.3525(d), Education Code, as amended
9 by this Act, and Section 51.3525(h-1), Education Code, as added by
10 this Act, apply beginning with the 2025-2026 academic year.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.