

**SUBJECT:** Requiring junior colleges to report financial and instructional information

**COMMITTEE:** Higher Education — favorable, without amendment

**VOTE:** 7 ayes — Lozano, Raney, Alonzo, Alvarado, Button, Howard, Turner

0 nays

2 absent — Clardy, Morrison

**WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Jennifer Poteat, Community College Association of Texas Trustees)

Against — Neil Vickers, Texas Association of Community Colleges; (*Registered, but did not testify:* Roberto Zarate, Alamo Colleges District; Raymond Lewis, Community College Association of Texas Trustees; Dustin Meador, Texas Association of Community Colleges; Brent Wallace)

On — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Julie Eklund, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board)

**BACKGROUND:** Some observers suggest that additional financial and instructional information is needed from public junior colleges to guide state funding levels and provide transparency and accountability to taxpayers.

**DIGEST:** HB 2975 would require junior college districts to include the following information in an annual report to the Legislative Budget Board on instructional sites within their service areas that enroll 2,000 or more students:

- the number of contact hours, including those generated from distance learning, for the preceding academic year;
- student attainment of completion milestones for the preceding academic year as measured by a performance funding formula;
- the amount of state appropriations, tax revenue, and tuition and fee

revenue received in the preceding fiscal year, including tuition and fee revenue from in-district, out-of-district, and dual credit courses;

- an itemized statement of the amount of money expended in the preceding fiscal year by the junior college district; and
- the number of full-time and adjunct faculty at the instructional site for the preceding academic year as determined by the location of the faculty member's primary office.

The report would be due each December 1.

The bill would take effect September, 1, 2017.