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H.B. No. 3085

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a requirement that public institutions of higher  
3 education provide applicants with certain information regarding  
4 eligibility for public health programs.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter 2, Chapter 51, Education Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 51.9199 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 51.9199. REQUIRED INFORMATION REGARDING PUBLIC HEALTH  
9 PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY. (a) In this section, "institution of higher  
10 education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

11 (b) An institution of higher education shall distribute to  
12 each applicant for admission as an entering freshman or  
13 undergraduate transfer student information designed to educate and  
14 inform the applicant about eligibility requirements for public  
15 health benefits coverage, including coverage under Medicaid and the  
16 child health plan program. The information must:

17 (1) clearly explain the eligibility requirements for  
18 the applicable public health programs;

19 (2) address the most common health care needs of the  
20 student population in relation to the public health benefits that  
21 may be available to the applicant under the public health programs;

22 (3) be tailored specifically to the student population  
23 who may complete the necessary forms independently; and

24 (4) include the enrollment procedures for the public

1 health programs, including a link to the Health and Human Services  
2 Commission's Internet website that displays that enrollment  
3 information.

4 (c) To support the provision of information under  
5 Subsection (b), the Health and Human Services Commission shall  
6 develop informational material about the eligibility requirements  
7 for public health benefits coverage, including coverage under  
8 Medicaid and the child health plan program, that is:

9 (1) up to date; and

10 (2) clear and easy to understand.

11 SECTION 2. Section 51.9199, Education Code, as added by  
12 this Act, applies beginning with the 2023 fall semester.

13 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.