

By: Lopez of Bexar

H.B. No. 599

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision of information regarding certain public assistance programs by public schools.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 38, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 38.045 to read as follows:

Sec. 38.045. INFORMATION REGARDING CERTAIN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. (a) On a student's enrollment in, transfer out of, or withdrawal from a school district, the district shall provide to the student and the student's parent in either a physical or electronic format information regarding the eligibility requirements for public assistance programs, including:

(1) the medical assistance program under Chapter 32, Human Resources Code;

(2) the child health plan program under Chapter 62, Health and Safety Code; and

(3) the supplemental nutrition assistance program under Chapter 33, Human Resources Code.

(b) The agency, in coordination with the Health and Human Services Commission, shall prepare and make available to school districts in both physical and electronic formats a model form for the information required to be provided under Subsection (a).

SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

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