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H.B. No. 978

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to prohibiting a public institution of higher education
3 from considering a student's immigration status for purposes of the
4 institution's disciplinary process.

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 51.9365 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 51.9365. CERTAIN CONSIDERATIONS IN DISCIPLINARY
9 PROCESS PROHIBITED. (a) In this section, "institution of higher
10 education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

11 (b) An institution of higher education may not consider a
12 student's immigration status in making any determination related to
13 the institution's disciplinary process.

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