

AN ACT

relating to the adoption of common admission application forms for institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Section 51.761, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 51.761. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter, "board," "general academic teaching institution," "governing board," "institution of higher education," "public state college," "public technical institute," "private or independent institution of higher education," and "university system" have the meanings assigned by Section 61.003.

SECTION 2. Section 51.762(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The board, with the assistance of high school counselors and an advisory committee composed of representatives of general academic teaching institutions, junior college districts, public state colleges, ~~and~~ public technical institutes, and private or independent institutions of higher education, and with the consultation of all institutions of higher education that admit freshman-level students:

(1) shall adopt by rule:

(A) a common admission application form for use by a person seeking admission as a freshman student to a general

1 academic teaching institution;

2 (B) an electronic common admission application
3 form for use by a person seeking admission as a freshman student to
4 an institution of higher education that admits freshman-level
5 students, other than a general academic teaching institution; and

6 (C) if the board determines that adoption of the
7 form would be cost-effective for nursing schools, an electronic
8 common admission application form for use by a person seeking
9 admission as a student to an undergraduate nursing education
10 program at an institution of higher education; and

11 (2) may adopt by rule a printed format common
12 admission application form for use by a person seeking admission as
13 a freshman student to an institution of higher education that
14 admits freshman-level students, other than a general academic
15 teaching institution.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1813 passed the Senate on May 4, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 26, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1813 passed the House, with amendment, on May 19, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor