

1-1 By: Neave, Button (Senate Sponsor - Powell) H.B. No. 2140  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 26, 2019;  
1-3 April 29, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher  
1-4 Education; May 19, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 19, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to creating an electronic application system for state  
1-20 student financial assistance.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is  
1-23 amended by adding Section 61.07762 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 61.07762. APPLICATION FOR STATE FINANCIAL AID. (a)  
1-25 The board shall adopt procedures to allow a person to complete and  
1-26 submit the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) or a  
1-27 similar application for state student financial assistance by  
1-28 electronic submission through the Internet website through which  
1-29 the board provides the common admission application form required  
1-30 by Section 51.762.

1-31 (a-1) The board shall appoint an advisory committee  
1-32 composed of financial aid personnel at institutions of higher  
1-33 education and stakeholders who represent the needs of interested  
1-34 students to assist the board in adopting the procedures required by  
1-35 Subsection (a) and to develop recommendations for that purpose.  
1-36 Not later than January 1, 2021, the board shall report the advisory  
1-37 committee's recommendations to the standing committee of each house  
1-38 of the legislature with jurisdiction over higher education. This  
1-39 subsection expires January 1, 2023.

1-40 (b) For the purposes of this section, the board shall  
1-41 continuously maintain an online database of institutions of higher  
1-42 education to which state student financial assistance may be  
1-43 applied.

1-44 (c) The personal information of an individual maintained by  
1-45 the board for the purposes of this section is confidential and is  
1-46 not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code.

1-47 (d) The board may adopt rules as necessary to implement this  
1-48 section.

1-49 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply  
1-50 beginning with applications for state student financial assistance  
1-51 submitted for the 2022-2023 academic year.

1-52 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-53 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-54 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-55 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-56 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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