

By: Lopez of Bexar

H.B. No. 1531

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 38.039 to read as follows:

Sec. 38.039. 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 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 a model form for the information required to be provided under Subsection (a).

(c) In providing the information required under Subsection (a), the school district shall ensure that the student's parent

1 signs a form acknowledging receipt of the information.

2         SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2023-2024  
3 school year.

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