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(Harris of Williamson, González of El Paso, et al.)

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to early registration for parenting students at public  
3 institutions of higher education.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter 2, Chapter 51, Education Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 51.983 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 51.983. EARLY REGISTRATION FOR PARENTING STUDENTS.

8 (a) In this section:

9 (1) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning  
10 assigned by Section 61.003.

11 (2) "Parenting student" means a student enrolled at an  
12 institution of higher education who is the parent or legal guardian  
13 of a child under 18 years of age.

14 (b) If an institution of higher education provides early  
15 registration for courses or programs at the institution for any  
16 group of students, the institution shall provide early registration  
17 for those courses or programs for parenting students in the same  
18 manner.

19 (c) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in  
20 consultation with institutions of higher education, shall adopt  
21 rules as necessary to administer this section.

22 SECTION 2. Section 51.983, Education Code, as added by this  
23 Act, applies beginning with registration for a course or program  
24 for the 2024 spring semester.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.