

1-1 By: Paxton, et al. S.B. No. 459
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 13, 2023; February 17, 2023,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Subcommittee on Higher Education;
 1-4 March 30, 2023, reported favorably from Committee on Education by
 1-5 the following vote: Yeas 12, Nays 0; March 30, 2023, sent to
 1-6 printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-22 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-23 AN ACT

1-24 relating to early registration for parenting students at public
 1-25 institutions of higher education.

1-26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-27 SECTION 1. Subchapter 2, Chapter 51, Education Code, is
 1-28 amended by adding Section 51.983 to read as follows:

1-29 Sec. 51.983. EARLY REGISTRATION FOR PARENTING STUDENTS.

1-30 (a) In this section:

1-31 (1) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning
 1-32 assigned by Section 61.003.

1-33 (2) "Parenting student" means a student enrolled at an
 1-34 institution of higher education who is the parent or legal guardian
 1-35 of a child under 18 years of age.

1-36 (b) If an institution of higher education provides early
 1-37 registration for courses or programs at the institution for any
 1-38 group of students, the institution shall provide early registration
 1-39 for those courses or programs for parenting students in the same
 1-40 manner.

1-41 (c) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, in
 1-42 consultation with institutions of higher education, shall adopt
 1-43 rules as necessary to administer this section.

1-44 SECTION 2. Section 51.983, Education Code, as added by this
 1-45 Act, applies beginning with registration for a course or program
 1-46 for the 2024 spring semester.

1-47 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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