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H.B. No. 2851

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to including nursing school applications in a consolidated application service.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter S, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.765 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.765. NURSING SCHOOL APPLICATION CONSOLIDATION. (a) A service or organization that provides consolidated application services for applications to medical schools or dental schools, including the Texas Medical and Dental Schools Application Service operated through The University of Texas System, must include applications for nursing schools in this state.

(b) The governing board of The University of Texas System shall establish an advisory board to develop:

(1) recommendations for including applications for nursing schools in this state in the consolidated application services for applications to medical schools or dental schools as required under Subsection (a); and

(2) an implementation plan for the recommendations developed under Subdivision (1).

(c) The advisory board shall consist of representatives of professional nursing programs in this state and representatives with expertise in professional nursing program applications appointed by the governing board of The University of Texas System

1 on recommendation by the Texas Health Education Service.

2 (d) The University of Texas System shall publish the  
3 implementation plan developed by the advisory board under this  
4 section on the system's Internet website not later than January 1,  
5 2026.

6 (e) The advisory board is abolished and this subsection and  
7 Subsections (b), (c), and (d) expire September 1, 2027.

8 SECTION 2. Section 51.765(a), Education Code, as added by  
9 this Act, applies beginning with applications for admission to a  
10 nursing school for the 2027 fall semester.

11 SECTION 3. The governing board of The University of Texas  
12 System shall appoint the members of the advisory board under  
13 Section 51.765(c), Education Code, as added by this Act, not later  
14 than November 1, 2025.

15 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.