

1-1 By: Howard, et al. H.B. No. 2851  
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Kolthorst, et al.)  
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 30, 2025;  
1-4 May 5, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Education  
1-5 K-16; May 19, 2025, rereferred to Committee on Health & Human  
1-6 Services; May 23, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable  
1-7 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;  
1-8 May 23, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-9 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-11	Kolthorst	X		
1-12	Perry	X		
1-13	Blanco	X		
1-14	Cook	X		
1-15	Hall	X		
1-16	Hancock	X		
1-17	Hughes	X		
1-18	Miles	X		
1-19	Sparks	X		

1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2851 By: Kolthorst

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to including nursing school applications in a consolidated  
1-24 application service.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Subchapter S, Chapter 51, Education Code, is  
1-27 amended by adding Section 51.765 to read as follows:

1-28 Sec. 51.765. NURSING SCHOOL APPLICATION CONSOLIDATION. (a)  
1-29 A service or organization that provides consolidated application  
1-30 services for applications to medical schools or dental schools,  
1-31 including the Texas Health Education Service at The University of  
1-32 Texas System Administration, must include applications for nursing  
1-33 schools in this state.

1-34 (b) The Texas Health Education Service at The University of  
1-35 Texas System Administration shall establish an advisory board to  
1-36 develop:

1-37 (1) recommendations for including applications for  
1-38 nursing schools in this state in the consolidated application  
1-39 services for applications to medical schools or dental schools as  
1-40 required under Subsection (a); and

1-41 (2) an implementation plan for the recommendations  
1-42 developed under Subdivision (1).

1-43 (c) The advisory board shall consist of representatives of  
1-44 professional nursing programs in this state and representatives  
1-45 with expertise in professional nursing program applications  
1-46 appointed by the Texas Health Education Service at The University  
1-47 of Texas System Administration.

1-48 (d) The Texas Health Education Service at The University of  
1-49 Texas System Administration shall publish the implementation plan  
1-50 developed by the advisory board under this section on an Internet  
1-51 website operated by the Texas Health Education Service not later  
1-52 than January 1, 2026.

1-53 (e) The advisory board is abolished and this subsection and  
1-54 Subsections (b), (c), and (d) expire September 1, 2027.

1-55 SECTION 2. Section 51.765(a), Education Code, as added by  
1-56 this Act, applies beginning with applications for admission to a  
1-57 nursing school for the 2027 fall semester.

1-58 SECTION 3. The Texas Health Education Service at The  
1-59 University of Texas System Administration shall appoint the members  
1-60 of the advisory board under Section 51.765(c), Education Code, as

2-1 added by this Act, not later than November 1, 2025.

2-2 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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