

1-1 By: Wilson (Senate Sponsor - Creighton) H.B. No. 5180  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2025;  
1-3 May 7, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Education  
1-4 K-16; May 15, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas  
1-5 11, Nays 0; May 15, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Creighton	X		
1-9	Campbell	X		
1-10	Bettencourt	X		
1-11	Hagenbuch	X		
1-12	Hinojosa of Nueces	X		
1-13	King	X		
1-14	Menéndez	X		
1-15	Middleton	X		
1-16	Parker	X		
1-17	Paxton	X		
1-18	West	X		

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the issuance of a diploma to a student graduating from a  
1-22 public institution of higher education that has undergone a merger,  
1-23 acquisition, or name change.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter 2, Chapter 51, Education Code, is  
1-26 amended by adding Section 51.995 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 51.995. DIPLOMA DESIGNATION IN EVENT OF MERGER,  
1-28 ACQUISITION, OR NAME CHANGE. (a) In this section, "institution of  
1-29 higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

1-30 (b) Subject to Subsection (c), if, during the period of a  
1-31 student's enrollment at an institution of higher education, the  
1-32 institution merges with or is acquired by another postsecondary  
1-33 educational institution or changes the institution's name, the  
1-34 institution shall provide to the student on the student's  
1-35 graduation from the institution two diplomas as follows:

1-36 (1) one diploma in the same style, design, or format,  
1-37 including symbols or other insignia, designating the original name  
1-38 of the institution on the date the student initially enrolled; and

1-39 (2) one diploma designating the name of the  
1-40 institution after the merger, acquisition, or name change.

1-41 (c) A student is eligible to receive two diplomas under this  
1-42 section only if the student graduates from the institution of  
1-43 higher education within six years of the merger, acquisition, or  
1-44 name change.

1-45 (d) An institution of higher education may not charge a  
1-46 student an additional fee to receive a diploma under this section.

1-47 SECTION 2. Section 51.995, Education Code, as added by this  
1-48 Act, applies beginning with a diploma provided by a public  
1-49 institution of higher education to a student for the 2025-2026  
1-50 academic year.

1-51 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-52 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-53 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-54 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-55 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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