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(Wilson)

S.B. No. 2231

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to requiring the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
3 to waive fees for admission applications submitted to public
4 institutions of higher education during certain periods.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 61.0731 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 61.0731. WAIVER OF CERTAIN APPLICATION FEES; FREE
9 COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK. (a) The board shall designate the second
10 full week of October as Free College Application Week. During the
11 designated week, the board shall permit individuals in this state
12 to apply to any institution of higher education for undergraduate
13 admission without paying an application fee.

14 (b) The board may adopt rules as necessary to implement
15 Subsection (a).

16 SECTION 2. Section 61.0731, Education Code, as added by
17 this Act, applies beginning with the 2025-2026 academic year.

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