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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of an electronic platform and submission portal, known as My Texas Future, to facilitate public high school students' awareness of and application to institutions of higher education using the electronic common admission application form.

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

SECTION 1. Section 28.025(c), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) A person may receive a diploma if the person is eligible for a diploma under Section 28.0251. In other cases, a student may graduate and receive a diploma only if:

(1) the student successfully completes the curriculum requirements identified by the State Board of Education under Subsection (a) and complies with Sections 28.0256, 28.0257, and 39.025; or

(2) the student successfully completes an individualized education program developed under Section 29.005.

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 28, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 28.0257 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.0257. DIRECT ADMISSIONS DATA SHARING OPT-IN ELECTION FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION. (a) In this section:

(1) "Coordinating board" means the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

(2) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning

1 assigned by Section 61.003.

2 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), before graduating
3 from high school, each student must elect whether to opt in to
4 allowing the coordinating board to share the student's data and
5 education records, as necessary, with institutions of higher
6 education to allow the student to participate in the direct
7 admissions program established by the coordinating board pursuant
8 to Section 61.0511(b)(2).

9 (c) A student is not required to comply with Subsection (b)
10 if:

11 (1) the student's parent or other person standing in
12 parental relation submits a signed form indicating that the parent
13 or other person authorizes the student to decline to complete and
14 submit information necessary to participate in a program offered
15 under Subsection (b);

16 (2) the student signs and submits the form described
17 by Subdivision (1) on the student's own behalf if the student is 18
18 years of age or older or the student's disabilities of minority have
19 been removed for general purposes under Chapter 31, Family Code; or

20 (3) a school counselor authorizes in writing the
21 student to decline to complete and submit the information necessary
22 to participate in a program offered under Subsection (b).

23 (d) Each school district or open-enrollment charter school
24 shall use a form adopted by the coordinating board, in consultation
25 with the Texas Education Agency, to allow a student to opt out
26 pursuant to Subsection (c). The form shall:

27 (1) provide the student or the student's parent or

other person standing in parental relation, as applicable, the opportunity to elect whether to share the student's data or education records, as necessary, with institutions of higher education to facilitate the student's participation in a program offered under Subsection (b); and

(2) be made available in English, Spanish, and any other language spoken by a majority of the students enrolled in a bilingual education or special language program under Subchapter B, Chapter 29, in the district or school.

SECTION 3. Section 51.763, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) Each institution of higher education shall publish prominently on its admission application website a link to MyTexasFuture.Org or its successor electronic platform and provide notice to students that they may apply to the institution using the electronic common admission application form found in ApplyTexas.Org or via MyTexasFuture.Org.

SECTION 4. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 61.0511 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.0511. DIRECT ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID PORTAL AT MYTEXASFUTURE.ORG. (a) The board shall create, maintain, and administer an electronic platform and submission portal, known as My Texas Future (MyTexasFuture.Org), to facilitate the awareness and application of students into institutions of higher education.

(b) My Texas Future, or any successor electronic platform established pursuant to this section, shall include:

(1) a link or direct submission portal to the

1 electronic common admission application form adopted and
2 established pursuant to Subchapter S, Chapter 51;

3 (2) a direct admissions program that lists
4 institutions of higher education to which a student may be directly
5 admitted based on the student's profile and information;

6 (3) to the greatest extent possible, a list of
7 financial aid awards that a student may be eligible to receive based
8 on the student's profile and information; and

9 (4) the data required by Section 61.09022 to assist
10 students in assessing the value of postsecondary credentials by
11 program.

12 (c) A Texas school district or an open-enrollment charter
13 school shall as part of the high school registration process
14 annually notify, in a manner prescribed by board rule, each parent
15 or guardian of a student who has earned at least three high school
16 course credits or not later than the end of a student's first
17 semester of ninth grade:

18 (1) of the option to create or update annually a
19 profile and account in My Texas Future;

20 (2) that a student or their parent is permitted to
21 update or revise their own profile in My Texas Future;

22 (3) that a student or parent of a student who creates a
23 profile and account under this section, may opt out of one or more
24 programs offered under Subsection (b); and

25 (4) of the graduation requirement under Section
26 28.0257 for a student or parent to indicate whether the student
27 wishes to opt in to allowing the board to share the student's data

1 and educational records with institutions of higher education for
2 the purpose of participating in the direct admissions program
3 established under Subsection (b)(2).

4 (d) The Texas Education Agency and the board shall jointly
5 prepare and post on their respective Internet websites a
6 publication that includes the information required to be provided
7 under Subsection (c) in a form that enables a school district or
8 open-enrollment charter school to reproduce the publication for
9 distribution under that subsection.

10 (e) The Texas Education Agency and each Texas public school
11 district or open-enrollment charter school shall make the data
12 available to the board necessary to administer this section.

13 (f) The board may adopt rules necessary to implement this
14 section.

15 (g) The board may share a student's contact information in
16 MyTexasFuture.Org with an institution of higher education unless
17 the student opts out of sharing the student's contact information.
18 Any student information shared with an institution of higher
19 education is confidential pursuant to Subsection (1). The board
20 shall ensure that a student may opt out of sharing the student's
21 contact information with an institution of higher education.

22 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, except as
23 provided by this section, information that relates to a current,
24 former, or prospective applicant or student of an educational
25 institution and that is obtained, received, or held by the board for
26 the purpose of administering this section or otherwise providing
27 assistance with access to postsecondary education is confidential

1 and excepted from disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code,
2 and may only be released in conformity with the Family Educational
3 Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (20 U.S.C. Section 1232g). The board
4 may withhold information prohibited from being disclosed under this
5 subsection without requesting a decision from the attorney general
6 under Subchapter G, Chapter 552, Government Code.

7 SECTION 5. Section 61.0511, Education Code, as added by
8 this Act, applies beginning with the 2025-2026 academic year.

9 SECTION 6. Section 28.025, Education Code, as amended by
10 this Act, and Section 28.0257, Education Code, as added by this Act,
11 apply beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year.

12 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.