

**House Bill 2851**  
Senate Amendments  
Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

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 on recommendation by the Texas Health Education Service.

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

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

SENATE VERSION (CS)

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 Health Education Service at The University of Texas System Administration, must include applications for nursing schools in this state.

(b) The Texas Health Education Service at The University of Texas System Administration 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 Texas Health Education Service at The University of Texas System Administration.

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

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

CONFERENCE

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HOUSE VERSION	SENATE VERSION (CS)	CONFERENCE
SECTION 2. Section 51.765(a), Education Code, as added by this Act, applies beginning with applications for admission to a nursing school for the 2027 fall semester.	SECTION 2. Same as House version.	
SECTION 3. The governing board of The University of Texas System shall appoint the members of the advisory board under Section 51.765(c), Education Code, as added by this Act, not later than November 1, 2025.	SECTION 3. The Texas Health Education Service at The University of Texas System Administration shall appoint the members of the advisory board under Section 51.765(c), Education Code, as added by this Act, not later than November 1, 2025.	
SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.	SECTION 4. Same as House version.	