



89th Texas Legislature: Higher Education Bills

TACRAO Summer Meeting

July 14-16

College Station, TX

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A text search of “Higher Education” will return 2618 bill matches.

Our committee tracked 128 of those bills

24 of those bills were sent to the Governor

- Signed: 24
- Vetoed: 0
- Allowed to become law without signature: 0

Accountability

- **SB 37:** Relating to the governance of public institutions of higher education, including review of curriculum and certain degree and certificate programs, a faculty council or senate, training for members of the governing board, and the establishment, powers, and duties of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Office of the Ombudsman. *Effective 9/1/2025.*
- **SB 1786:** Relating to public Higher Education. *Effective Immediately; except sections 7 & 8 take effect 9/1/2025.*
- **SB 769:** Relating to a report by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board regarding enrollment and success in higher education for students with disabilities. *Effective 9/1/2025.*

Admissions

- **SB 800:** Relating to a public institution of higher education's orientation on the institution's sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking policy. *Effective 9/1/2025.*
- **SB 1241:** Relating to college entrance examinations considered for admission to certain public institutions of higher education. *Effective 9/1/2025.*
- **SB 365:** Relating to the period for which an applicant for admission as an undergraduate student to a public institution of higher education is entitled to an academic fresh start. *Effective Immediately.*

Admissions

- **SB 2314:** 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. *Effective Immediately.*
- **SB 2231:** Relating to requiring the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to waive fees for admission applications submitted to public institutions of higher education during certain periods. *Effective Immediately.*

Curriculum

- **HB 20:** Relating to establishing the Applied Sciences Pathway program. *Effective Immediately.*
- **HB 4848:** Relating to requiring that competency-based baccalaureate degree programs be offered at certain public institutions of higher education. *Effective Immediately.*
- **SB 2431:** Relating to requiring foreign language credit opportunities for students enrolled in study abroad components or programs offered by certain institutions of higher education in this state. *Effective 9/1/2025.*

Health & Safety

- **HB 3062:** Relating to fentanyl prevention and drug poisoning awareness education for students enrolled in public institutions of higher education. *Effective Immediately.*
- **SB 1409:** Relating to health benefits offered by postsecondary educational institutions to students and their families. *Effective Immediately.*
- **SB 326:** Relating to the procedure for determining whether a student's violation of a public school's or public institution of higher education's student code of conduct was motivated by antisemitism. *Effective Immediately.*

Miscellaneous

- **SB 2615:** Relating to restricting remote work by employees of public institutions of higher education. *Effective 9/1/2025.*
- **HB 2081:** Relating to the establishment of the Building Better Futures Program to support educational and occupational skills training opportunities and support services for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities at public and private institutions of higher education. *Effective Immediately.*
- **HB 102:** Relating to early registration for students in military-related programs at public institutions of higher education. *Effective Immediately.*

Miscellaneous

- **HB 126:** Relating to the compensation and professional representation of prospective student athletes and student athletes participating in intercollegiate athletic programs at certain institutions of higher education. *Effective Immediately.*
- **SB 3039:** Relating to the transfer of students in public higher education. *Effective Immediately.*
- **SB 2786:** Relating to the applicability of the Texas Success Initiative to certain public service officers and employees. *Effective Immediately.*
- **SB 530:** Relating to the accreditation of certain postsecondary educational institutions in this state or of certain programs offered by those institutions. *Effective 9/1/2025.*

Tuition & Fees

- **HB 1868:** Relating to performance tier funding under the public junior college state finance program. *Effective Immediately.*
- **HB 1105:** Relating to the exemption of tuition and laboratory fees at public institutions of higher education for certain paramedics. *Effective Immediately.*
- **HB 3041:** Relating to measures to support the enrollment of students with a nontraditional secondary education at public institutions of higher education, including eligibility for certain student financial assistance programs. *Effective Immediately.*

Special Session

- Governor Abbott has called a special session to begin Monday, July 21, 2025.
- Special Session may last up to 30 days.
- Session will focus on topics designated by the Governor. Official Agenda was not released as of 7/7/2024.

Helpful Resources

- **Texas Legislature Online:** <https://capitol.texas.gov/>
- **The Legislative Process:**
[https://tlc.texas.gov/docs/legref/legislativeprocess.p
df](https://tlc.texas.gov/docs/legref/legislativeprocess.pdf)

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