

1-1 By: White, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Uresti) H.B. No. 928
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2017;
1-3 May 8, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &
1-4 Human Services; May 19, 2017, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 19, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-16	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to assisting certain children who are in foster care in the
1-20 process of applying to institutions of higher education.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 264, Family Code, is
1-23 amended by adding Section 264.1211 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 264.1211. FACILITATION OF TRANSITION TO INSTITUTION OF
1-25 HIGHER EDUCATION. (a) In this section, "community resource
1-26 coordination group" means a coordination group established under a
1-27 memorandum of understanding under Section 531.055, Government
1-28 Code.

1-29 (b) A department employee who is a member of a community
1-30 resource coordination group shall inform the group about the
1-31 tuition and fee waivers for institutions of higher education that
1-32 are available to eligible children in foster care under Section
1-33 54.366, Education Code.

1-34 (c) Each school district, in coordination with the
1-35 department, shall facilitate the transition of each child enrolled
1-36 in the district who is eligible for a tuition and fee waiver under
1-37 Section 54.366, Education Code, and who is likely to be in the
1-38 conservatorship of the department on the day preceding the child's
1-39 18th birthday to an institution of higher education by:

1-40 (1) assisting the child with the completion of any
1-41 applications for admission or for financial aid;

1-42 (2) arranging and accompanying the child on campus
1-43 visits;

1-44 (3) assisting the child in researching and applying
1-45 for private or institution-sponsored scholarships;

1-46 (4) identifying whether the child is a candidate for
1-47 appointment to a military academy;

1-48 (5) assisting the child in registering and preparing
1-49 for college entrance examinations, including, subject to the
1-50 availability of funds, arranging for the payment of any examination
1-51 fees by the department; and

1-52 (6) coordinating contact between the child and a
1-53 liaison officer designated under Section 61.0908, Education Code,
1-54 for students who were formerly in the department's conservatorship.

1-55 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-56 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-57 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-58 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-59 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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