

1-1 By: Buckingham S.B. No. 1813
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2017; March 23, 2017, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;
 1-4 April 24, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; April 24, 2017,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1813 By: Buckingham

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

1-19 relating to common admission application forms for institutions of
 1-20 higher education.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 51.761, Education Code, is amended to
 1-23 read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 51.761. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter, "board,"
 1-25 "general academic teaching institution," "governing board,"
 1-26 "institution of higher education," "medical and dental unit,"
 1-27 "public state college," "public technical institute," "private or
 1-28 independent institution of higher education," and "university
 1-29 system" have the meanings assigned by Section 61.003.

1-30 SECTION 2. Sections 51.762(a), (f), and (h), Education
 1-31 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-32 (a) The board, with the assistance of high school counselors
 1-33 and an advisory committee composed of representatives of general
 1-34 academic teaching institutions, junior college districts, public
 1-35 state colleges, ~~and~~ public technical institutes, and private or
 1-36 independent institutions of higher education ~~and with the~~
 1-37 consultation of all institutions of higher education that admit
 1-38 freshman-level students]:

1-39 (1) shall adopt by rule:

1-40 (A) a common admission application form for use
 1-41 by a person seeking admission [~~as a freshman student~~] to a general
 1-42 academic teaching institution;

1-43 (B) an electronic common admission application
 1-44 form for use by a person seeking admission [~~as a freshman student~~]
 1-45 to an institution of higher education [~~that admits freshman-level~~
 1-46 ~~students~~], other than a general academic teaching institution or a
 1-47 medical and dental unit; and

1-48 (C) if the board determines that adoption of the
 1-49 form would be cost-effective for nursing schools, an electronic
 1-50 common admission application form for use by a person seeking
 1-51 admission as a student to an undergraduate nursing education
 1-52 program at an institution of higher education; and

1-53 (2) may adopt by rule a printed format common
 1-54 admission application form for use by a person seeking admission as
 1-55 a freshman student to an institution of higher education that
 1-56 admits freshman-level students, other than a general academic
 1-57 teaching institution.

1-58 (f) The board shall ensure that copies of the [~~freshman~~]
 1-59 common admission application forms appropriate for use by a person
 1-60 seeking admission to an institution of higher education as a

2-1 freshman student and information for the use of the forms are
2-2 available in electronic format [~~for distribution~~] to the
2-3 appropriate personnel at each public high school in this state.

2-4 (h) An applicant may file, and each institution of higher
2-5 education shall accept, an application for admission [~~as an~~
2-6 ~~entering freshman or undergraduate transfer student~~] that uses the
2-7 appropriate form adopted under this section. The form used to apply
2-8 to a general academic teaching institution may be filed in either
2-9 electronic or printed format. An institution of higher education
2-10 is not prohibited from requiring an applicant to submit additional
2-11 information within a reasonable time after the institution has
2-12 received an application using a form adopted under this section.

2-13 SECTION 3. Section 51.763(a), Education Code, is amended to
2-14 read as follows:

2-15 (a) The governing board of a university system shall adopt a
2-16 common admission application form consistent with this subchapter
2-17 to be used by any person seeking [~~freshman or undergraduate~~
2-18 ~~transfer~~] admission to one or more of the general academic teaching
2-19 institutions within the university system.

2-20 SECTION 4. Section 51.762(b), Education Code, is repealed.

2-21 SECTION 5. The changes in law made by this Act apply
2-22 beginning with applications for admission to institutions of higher
2-23 education for the 2018-2019 academic year.

2-24 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-28 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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