

1-1 By: Bell of Montgomery (Senate Sponsor - Parker) H.B. No. 718
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 30, 2025;
 1-3 May 1, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Education
 1-4 K-16; May 25, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 25, 2025,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-10	X			
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1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 718 By: Paxton

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to prohibiting a public institution of higher education
 1-24 from partnering with certain private entities for the construction
 1-25 of a student housing facility.

1-26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-27 SECTION 1. Subchapter 2, Chapter 51, Education Code, is
 1-28 amended by adding Section 51.9273 to read as follows:

1-29 Sec. 51.9273. CERTAIN PARTNERSHIPS TO CONSTRUCT STUDENT
 1-30 HOUSING FACILITIES PROHIBITED. (a) In this section, "institution
 1-31 of higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

1-32 (b) An institution of higher education may not enter into a
 1-33 contract to partner with a private entity to construct a student
 1-34 housing facility if the entity has a pending action or lien against
 1-35 the entity or entity's property relating to a claim for nonpayment
 1-36 of a contractor, subcontractor, or vendor. This section does not
 1-37 apply to a claim for nonpayment if the entity:

- 1-38 (1) has provided a payment bond to cover the claim; or
- 1-39 (2) contests in good faith the validity or accuracy of
- 1-40 the claim.

1-41 SECTION 2. Section 51.9273, Education Code, as added by
 1-42 this Act, applies only to a contract entered into on or after the
 1-43 effective date of this Act. A contract entered into before the
 1-44 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
 1-45 date the contract was entered into, and the former law is continued
 1-46 in effect for that purpose.

1-47 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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