

1-1 By: Hinojosa of Nueces S.B. No. 2231  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2025; March 25, 2025, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education K-16;  
1-4 April 9, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 10,  
1-5 Nays 0; April 9, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Creighton	X			
1-9	Campbell	X			
1-10	Bettencourt	X			
1-11	Hagenbuch	X			
1-12	Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
1-13	King			X	
1-14	Menéndez	X			
1-15	Middleton	X			
1-16	Parker	X			
1-17	Paxton	X			
1-18	West	X			

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to requiring the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board  
1-22 to waive fees for admission applications submitted to public  
1-23 institutions of higher education during certain periods.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is  
1-26 amended by adding Section 61.0731 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 61.0731. WAIVER OF CERTAIN APPLICATION FEES; FREE  
1-28 COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK. (a) The board shall designate the second  
1-29 full week of October as Free College Application Week. During the  
1-30 designated week, the board shall permit individuals in this state  
1-31 to apply to any institution of higher education for undergraduate  
1-32 admission without paying an application fee.

1-33 (b) The board may adopt rules as necessary to implement  
1-34 Subsection (a).

1-35 SECTION 2. Section 61.0731, Education Code, as added by  
1-36 this Act, applies beginning with the 2025-2026 academic year.

1-37 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-38 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-39 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-40 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-41 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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