

1-1 By: Paxton S.B. No. 2310  
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 28, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0; April 28, 2025,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	Creighton	X		
1-10	Campbell	X		
1-11	Bettencourt		X	
1-12	Hagenbuch	X		
1-13	Hinojosa of Nueces	X		
1-14	King	X		
1-15	Menéndez	X		
1-16	Middleton	X		
1-17	Parker	X		
1-18	Paxton	X		
1-19	West	X		

1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2310 By: King

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

1-23 relating to transparency regarding requirements to complete a  
1-24 certificate or degree program at a public institution of higher  
1-25 education.

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

1-27 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is  
1-28 amended by adding Section 61.07771 to read as follows:

1-29 Sec. 61.07771. TRANSPARENCY IN CERTIFICATE AND DEGREE  
1-30 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS. (a) The board, in consultation with  
1-31 institutions of higher education, shall adopt rules requiring  
1-32 institutions of higher education to provide transparency in  
1-33 certificate and degree program requirements for students enrolling  
1-34 at or transferring to the institution.

1-35 (b) The rules must require each institution of higher  
1-36 education to:

1-37 (1) ensure that the requirements for each certificate  
1-38 or degree program offered by the institution:

1-39 (A) are current, accessible to students enrolled  
1-40 at the institution and members of the public through the following  
1-41 sources, as applicable, and uniform at each of the following  
1-42 sources:

1-43 (i) the institution's internal Internet  
1-44 website for students;

1-45 (ii) the institution's Internet website;

1-46 and  
1-47 (iii) the Internet website of the  
1-48 department at the institution that offers the certificate or degree  
1-49 program; and

1-50 (B) state:

1-51 (i) the prerequisites for each course  
1-52 required as part of the certificate or degree program; and

1-53 (ii) any non-course requirements for the  
1-54 certificate or degree program and, if the institution offers  
1-55 different tracks for completing the program, those requirements for  
1-56 each track; and

1-57 (2) post on the institution's Internet website the  
1-58 minimum requirements to be accepted as a transfer student at the  
1-59 institution.

1-60 SECTION 2. (a) Not later than January 1, 2026, the Texas

2-1 Higher Education Coordinating Board shall adopt the rules required  
2-2 by Section 61.07771, Education Code, as added by this Act.  
2-3 (b) A public institution of higher education shall comply  
2-4 with the rules adopted under Subsection (a) of this section  
2-5 beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year.  
2-6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-10 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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