

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

In 2015, the Texas Legislature adopted measures to encourage academic achievement for public school students through H.B. 18. H.B. 18 established a uniform template for public outreach materials that are intended to inform students and parents on important school curriculum components, including information vital to pursuing a higher education.

While public outreach materials under H.B. 264 may be informative to recipients as a whole, certain components are outdated. By providing outdated information, parents and students are being inaccurately prepared for taking the first step towards furthering their education.

H.B. 264 aims to update the uniform template utilized by public schools for their public outreach materials. The outreach materials will now provide updated information related to existing state financial aid resources. In addition to updating the contents of the public outreach materials, H.B. 264 also extends the period for which this template is to be used.

H.B. 264 amends current law relating to public outreach materials to foster awareness of certain public school curriculum requirements.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 28.015(b) and (c), Education Code, as follows:

(b) Deletes existing text requiring materials developed under this section (Public Outreach Materials to Promote Curriculum Change Awareness) to include an explanation of applicable course, graduation plan, and endorsement requirements for financial aid authorized under Title 3 (Higher Education), including curriculum requirements for the Texas B-On-time loan program as provided under Subchapter Q (Texas B-On-Time Loan Program), Chapter 56 (Student Financial Assistance). Makes nonsubstantive changes.

(c) Provides that this section expires September 1, 2020, rather than September 1, 2018.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2017.