

# Senate Bill (SB) 769

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## THECB Report on Students with Disabilities

SB 769 would require the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to study and report on the enrollment and success of students with disabilities in Texas colleges and universities. The report would identify enrollment levels; barriers to admission; availability of services and accommodations; institutional policies; efforts to provide information regarding the educational rights and protections for students with disabilities in state and federal law; and recommendations for legislative action. The report would be submitted by Sept. 1, 2027.



People with disabilities continue to face barriers to accessing higher education. The success of transition programs and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) have helped increase the number of individuals with disabilities attending colleges and universities. However, students with disabilities still enroll at lower rates than non-disabled students. The disparity in graduation rates is even more significant.



Challenges for students with disabilities may include difficulties navigating campus procedures, inadequate accommodations, faculty who are unaware of — or push back against — disability accommodations, discrimination, and more. Advocates suggest that Texas lacks the state-level data we need to understand and address the issues within our postsecondary institutions.



Supporters of the bill and its House companion include: The Arc of Texas, Coalition of Texans with Disabilities, Disability Rights Texas, Methodist Healthcare Ministries, NASW-TX, Texas Association of Business, Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education, Texas Council of Community Centers, Texas Parent to Parent, and United Ways of Texas.



*“SB 769 will provide lawmakers with a clear understanding of the higher education landscape, enabling more informed policies that support college access and success for students with disabilities.”*

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