

Expand Access to Higher Education for Students with ID

HB 5146 by Raney | SB 2077 by Menéndez

This bill will create the Better Futures Program to help facilitate the delivery of educational and occupational skills training programs and support services to students with intellectual disabilities (ID) through Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary (CTP) programs.

- CTP programs are designed to support students with intellectual disabilities who want to continue academic, career, and independent living instruction to prepare for gainful employment.
- CTPs were created by the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008. The act opened access to federal student aid for students with intellectual disabilities attending an approved CTP program, even if those students do not have a standard high school diploma or are not matriculating towards a degree.
- In a state as large as Texas, having only 4 CTPs is inadequate.
- The Building Better Futures Program will help increase the number of approved CTPs in Texas.
- The Building Better Futures Program will increase the number of students with ID seeking and obtaining a postsecondary education.

There are over 64,000 K-12 students with ID in Texas. There are only 4 approved CTP programs for students with ID across all Texas institutions of higher education.

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