

The DREAM of Higher Education for all Texas Students

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University Leadership Initiative

An undocumented and ally student organization that organizes programs and advocates for legislations that benefits the immigrant community at the University of Texas.



My Story: My Dream is Their Dream

- Born in San Nicolas de los Garza in June 7th 1997
- Migrated to the United States in August 2002
- Graduated from Pasadena Memorial High School in 2015
- Attends the University of Texas majoring in Government and Communication Studies




HB 1403/SB 1528

HB 1403 grants undocumented students in Texas access to in-state tuition and state financial aid. The legislation modifies the requirements to be considered a Texas resident in college procedures.

Authored: Former Representative Nick Noriega in 2001

Bill Requirements:

- Have lived in Texas for 3 years leading up to high school graduation; or
 - Have a GED; and
 - Have lived in Texas continuously for a year before applying to an institution of higher education.
 - Must submit a notarized affidavit to the institution planning to attend.
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Threats in the 85th Legislature

SB 4, SB 141, & HB 393



SB 4: Anti-Sanctuary City Bill

“Relating to the enforcement by certain state and local governmental entities and campus police departments of state and federal laws governing immigration and to related duties of certain law enforcement and judicial entities in the criminal justice system; providing civil and criminal penalties”

Author: Senator Perry

Status: Passed on party lines in the Senate. It is now on the hands of the Texas House of Representatives.

SB 141: Restricting State Financial Aid

“Relating to eligibility for a TEXAS grant.”

Author: Senator Van Taylor

Provision: “The rules must require each applicant to demonstrate eligibility for federal financial aid but may not require the applicant to meet a financial need requirement applicable to a particular federal financial aid program.”

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Higher Education

HB 393: Redefining Residency

“Relating to the determination of resident status of students by public institutions of higher education.”

Author: Representative Stickland

Provision: **“A person who is not authorized under federal statute to be present in the United States may not be considered a resident of this state for purposes of this title.”**

Status: Referred to the House Committee on State Affairs

UndocuTexas Campaign

The UndocuTexas Campaign is an extension of United We Dream focusing on protecting immigrant and other intersectional rights during this legislative session.

Our work:

Massive mobilization for the SB 4 Public Hearing on 02/02/2017

Upcoming Events:

Pray-in and Legislative Visits - March 13th, 2017

Contact: Karla Perez, karla@uhyea.org



TRUST Coalition (www.commonsenseimmigrationtx.org)

The TRUST is a coalition of business, religious, and advocacy organizations calling on Texas leaders to support immigrant-friendly legislation.

Sign up and spread the following:

Keeping In-State Tuition: bit.ly/Tuition2017

Stop SB 4: bit.ly/PetitionSB4

Business Letter: <http://www.commonsenseimmigrationtx.org/?homepage-item=texas-association-of-business-signs-on-to-trust-coalition-letter>

Businesses Against SB 4: <http://www.commonsenseimmigrationtx.org/stop-sb4/business-letter/>

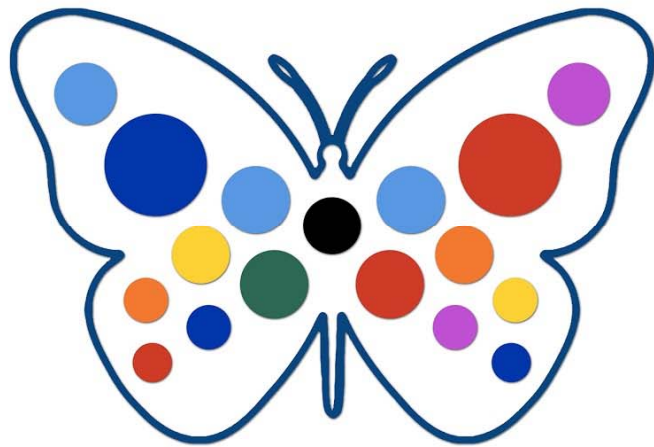


Next Steps for TACHE Attendees

Become a vocal immigrant advocate in your respective institution. There has been an increase of professors and staff members showing their support but **there is yet to be a college president openly opposing SB 4, SB 141, or HB 393.**



Questions?



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