STATEMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSIONER RAYMUND PAREDES REGARDING THE SIGNING OF HOUSE BILL 5

AUSTIN – Governor Rick Perry today signed House Bill 5 into law. Higher Education Commissioner Raymund Paredes attended the bill signing ceremony and issued the following statement:

“Ideally, HB 5 will open up an unprecedented era of cooperation between K 12 and higher education. In order for HB 5 to succeed, local school districts, community colleges and universities must work together to develop rigorous and relevant courses to prepare high school students for post-secondary education. And both sectors must cooperate to provide the academic counseling needed so that ninth-graders and their families can make informed decisions about their chosen academic pathways.”