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Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to host Parent IMPACT House Bill 5 Summit on June 26

June 23, 2014 – Austin, Texas – The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), under its Generation Texas (GenTX) initiative, will host the Parent IMPACT HB 5 Summit on Thursday, June 26 from 8:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel, 6505 IH-35 North in Austin.

This summit is designed to engage and educate parents, P-16 councils, community organizations and school district counselors and advisors about college and career readiness efforts aligned with the new HB 5 guidelines. HB 5 was passed by the 83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session in 2013.

"We want to address the needs of Texas students, especially those of underserved youth who may be the most affected by changes in House Bill 5," said David Gardner, THECB deputy commissioner for academic planning and policy. "The sessions will be guided discussions that encourage interaction and engagement for a broad understanding of the new guidelines."

Participants will be provided an overview of HB 5 guidelines, "train the trainer" resources to share with colleagues, and parental outreach strategies. In addition, discussions will be facilitated among parents, youth and community leaders to encourage involvement and motivation while positioning parents to confidently act in the best interest of their children.

Attendance is limited and online registration is required at http://is.gd/ParentImpactHB5.

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THECB Mission Statement
The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's mission is to work with the legislature, governor, governing boards, higher education institutions, and other entities to help Texas meet the goals of the state's higher education plan, *Closing the Gaps by 2015*, and thereby provide the people of Texas the widest access to higher education of the highest quality in the most efficient manner.