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## Senator Blanco Votes to Remove Racist Barriers for Minority Faculty in Higher Education

**Austin, Texas** – Today, the Texas Senate approved Senate Bill 18, which would prohibit public colleges and universities from awarding future tenure to new professors. The bill grandfathers all current tenured faculty, and Senator César J. Blanco negotiated and passed an amendment to push back the effective date to allow a grace period for current tenure-track faculty for the next year.

### **Senator Blanco issued the following statement:**

“Universities across the nation and Texas have a long history of racism and discriminatory practices, especially as it relates to tenure.

“Higher education institutions have a shameful track record in providing equal opportunities. Now, absent diversity, equity, and inclusion practices, I do not trust that our universities will do any better by minorities. So in good conscience, I cannot and will not defend higher education and the status quo of tenure.”

“I was proud to author and pass an amendment to push back the effective date to provide a grace period for current tenure-track faculty close to receiving full tenure, especially for minority faculty in the pipeline.”

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