Senate Bill 1321, passed by the 73rd Texas Legislature, entitles residents of Texas to seek admission to public institutions of higher education without consideration of courses undertaken ten or more years prior to enrollment. They have called this bill the "Right to an Academic Fresh Start," and it gives students the option of electing to have course work taken ten or more years prior to the starting date of the semester in which the applicant seeks to enroll either counted as usual or ignored for admissions purposes. Applicants who elect to apply for admission under this law and are admitted as students may not receive any course credit for courses undertaken ten or more years prior to enrollment. Students may not choose what is to be ignored and what is not. Either Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College ignores all college hours ten or more years old or we count them.

Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College has extended the Fresh Start Program to include any currently enrolled student. A student has the option of electing to have course work taken ten or more years prior to the present semester in which the student is enrolled either counted as usual or ignored in grade point calculations. The Fresh Start Program cannot be used to establish eligibility for financial aid, intercollegiate athletics, veteran educational benefits, or honor organizations.

**STUDENT AGREEMENT**

I have read the above policy on the Fresh Start Program and wish to use the Fresh Start Option. I understand that Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College will ignore all courses I have undertaken ten or more years prior to this semester for grade point calculations and degree completion purposes, and I cannot receive credit for any of these courses. I further understand that this is a one-time option and the process may not be reversed.

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Student Signature                          Date

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Registrar                          Date