

1-1 By: Paul, Lopez of Cameron, Anderson H.B. No. 3993
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Middleton)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 26, 2023;
 1-4 April 27, 2023, read first time and referred to Subcommittee on
 1-5 Higher Education; May 10, 2023, reported favorably from Committee
 1-6 on Education by the following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 1; May 10, 2023,
 1-7 sent to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-10	X			
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1-23 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-24 AN ACT

1-25 relating to the automatic admission of students with a
 1-26 nontraditional secondary education to certain public institutions
 1-27 of higher education.

1-28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-29 SECTION 1. Section 51.803, Education Code, is amended by
 1-30 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (m) to read as
 1-31 follows:

1-32 (a) Subject to Subsection (a-1), each general academic
 1-33 teaching institution shall admit an applicant for admission to the
 1-34 institution as an undergraduate student if the applicant graduated
 1-35 with a grade point average in the top 10 percent of the student's
 1-36 high school graduating class in one of the two school years
 1-37 preceding the academic year for which the applicant is applying for
 1-38 admission and:

1-39 (1) the applicant:

1-40 (A) graduated from a public or private high
 1-41 school in this state accredited by a generally recognized
 1-42 accrediting organization or from a high school operated by the
 1-43 United States Department of Defense; or

1-44 (B) completed a nontraditional secondary
 1-45 education as defined by Section 51.9241;

1-46 (2) the applicant:

1-47 (A) successfully completed:

1-48 (i) at a public high school, the curriculum
 1-49 requirements established under Section 28.025 for the
 1-50 distinguished level of achievement under the foundation high school
 1-51 program; or

1-52 (ii) at a high school to which Section
 1-53 28.025 does not apply, a curriculum that is equivalent in content
 1-54 and rigor to the distinguished level of achievement under the
 1-55 foundation high school program; or

1-56 (B) satisfied ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks
 1-57 on the ACT assessment applicable to the applicant or earned on the
 1-58 SAT assessment a score of at least 1,500 out of 2,400 or the
 1-59 equivalent; and

1-60 (3) if the applicant graduated from a high school
 1-61 operated by the United States Department of Defense, the applicant

2-1 is a Texas resident under Section 54.052 or is entitled to pay
2-2 tuition fees at the rate provided for Texas residents under Section
2-3 54.241(d) for the term or semester to which admitted.

2-4 (m) In determining the eligibility for admission under this
2-5 section of an applicant with a nontraditional secondary education,
2-6 as defined by Section 51.9241, that does not include a high school
2-7 graduating class ranking, a general academic teaching institution
2-8 shall calculate the applicant's class rank in the manner provided
2-9 by Section 51.9241(d).

2-10 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply
2-11 beginning with admissions to a public institution of higher
2-12 education for the 2024 fall semester. Admissions to a public
2-13 institution of higher education for a term or semester before the
2-14 2024 fall semester are governed by the law in effect immediately
2-15 before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is
2-16 continued in effect for that purpose.

2-17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-21 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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