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H.B. No. 4

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to automatic admission to an institution of higher education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 51.803, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) A general academic teaching institution is not required to fill more than 50 percent of the institution's total number of spaces available for first-time resident undergraduate students at the institution through the admission of applicants under Subsection (a). If the number of applications for admission under Subsection (a) received by the institution exceeds 50 percent of the total number of spaces available for first-time resident undergraduate students at the institution, the institution may give automatic admission as provided by this section to those applicants until 50 percent of the institution's total number of spaces available for first-time resident undergraduate students are filled. The institution shall consider the factors listed in Section 51.805 to determine which of the remaining applicants under Subsection (a) the institution will admit.

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

1 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.