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H.B. No. 612

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to notice to certain public school high school seniors and their parents or guardians of automatic college admission.

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

SECTION 1. Section 28.026, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 28.026. NOTICE OF AUTOMATIC COLLEGE ADMISSION. (a) The board of trustees of a school district shall require each high school in the district to post appropriate signs in each counselor's office, in each principal's office, and in each administrative building indicating the substance of Section 51.803 regarding automatic college admission. To assist in the dissemination of this information, the school district shall:

(1) require that each high school counselor and class advisor be provided a detailed explanation of the substance of Section 51.803;

(2) require that each high school counselor and senior class advisor explain to eligible students the substance of Section 51.803; and

(3) not later than October 15 of a class's senior year, provide each eligible senior student under Section 51.803 and the student's parent or guardian~~[, at the commencement of a class's senior year,~~ with a written notification of the student's eligibility with an easily understandable, ~~[a]~~ detailed

1 explanation of the substance of Section 51.803.

2 (b) The agency shall adopt a form to use in providing notice
3 under Subsection (a)(3). In providing notice under Subsection
4 (a)(3), a school district shall use the form adopted by the agency.

5 SECTION 2. (a) The Texas Education Agency shall adopt a
6 form for notifying eligible high school seniors and their parents
7 or guardians of automatic college admission as required by Section
8 28.026, Education Code, as amended by this Act, as soon as
9 practicable after the effective date of this Act.

10 (b) A school district shall provide notice to eligible high
11 school seniors and their parents or guardians of automatic college
12 admission as required by Section 28.026, Education Code, as amended
13 by this Act, beginning with the 2003-2004 school year.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.