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H.B. No. 2740

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the collection of ethnicity information from Asian
3 applicants for admission to a public institution of higher
4 education.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 51.762(g), Education Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (g) In addition to other information considered appropriate
9 by the board, the board shall by rule require each institution to
10 collect information regarding gender, ethnicity, and date of birth
11 as part of the application process and report this information to
12 the board. Rules under this subsection must require each
13 institution to collect and report ethnicity information for
14 applicants of Asian descent according to the following subgroups:

15 (1) Central Asian/Russian;

16 (2) Southwest Asian;

17 (3) South Asian;

18 (4) East Asian; or

19 (5) Southeast Asian/Pacific Islander.

20 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies
21 beginning with admissions for the 2004-2005 academic year.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.