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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 86 By: West

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the eligibility of a high school graduate for automatic  
1-11 admission to an institution of higher education.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Sections 51.803 and 51.807, Education Code, are  
1-14 amended to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 51.803. AUTOMATIC ADMISSION: ALL INSTITUTIONS.

1-16 (a) Each general academic teaching institution shall admit an  
1-17 applicant for admission to the institution as an undergraduate  
1-18 student if the applicant graduated with a grade point average in the  
1-19 top 10 percent of the student's high school graduating class in one  
1-20 of the two school years preceding the academic year for which the  
1-21 applicant is applying for admission and the applicant:

1-22 (1) graduated from a public or private high school in  
1-23 this state accredited by a generally recognized accrediting  
1-24 organization or from a high school operated by the United States  
1-25 Department of Defense;

1-26 (2) completed the curriculum requirements established  
1-27 under Section 28.025 for the recommended or advanced high school  
1-28 program or an equivalent curriculum at a high school to which that  
1-29 section does not apply; and

1-30 (3) ~~To qualify for admission under this section, an~~  
1-31 ~~applicant must submit an application before the expiration of any~~  
1-32 ~~application filing deadline established by the institution and,~~ if  
1-33 the applicant graduated from a high school operated by the United  
1-34 States Department of Defense, ~~is~~ is ~~[must be]~~ a Texas resident under  
1-35 Section 54.052 or ~~is~~ is ~~[be]~~ entitled to pay tuition fees at the rate  
1-36 provided for Texas residents under Section 54.058(d) for the term  
1-37 or semester to which admitted.

1-38 (b) To qualify for admission under this section, an  
1-39 applicant must submit an application before the expiration of any  
1-40 application filing deadline established by the institution.

1-41 (c) After admitting an applicant under this section, the  
1-42 institution shall review the applicant's record and any other  
1-43 factor the institution considers appropriate to determine whether  
1-44 the applicant may require additional preparation for college-level  
1-45 work or would benefit from inclusion in a retention program. The  
1-46 institution may require a student so identified to enroll during  
1-47 the summer immediately after the student is admitted under this  
1-48 section to participate in appropriate enrichment courses and  
1-49 orientation programs. This section does not prohibit a student who  
1-50 is not determined to need additional preparation for college-level  
1-51 work from enrolling, if the student chooses, during the summer  
1-52 immediately after the student is admitted under this section.

1-53 (d) Subsection (a)(2) applies beginning with admissions for  
1-54 the 2007-2008 academic year. Subsection (a)(2) does not apply to an  
1-55 applicant who graduated from a public high school that does not  
1-56 offer the curriculum established under Section 28.025 for the  
1-57 recommended or advanced high school program and that has received a  
1-58 waiver of those curriculum requirements from the Texas Education  
1-59 Agency due to an inability to offer or make available that  
1-60 curriculum.

1-61 Sec. 51.807. RULEMAKING. (a) The Texas Higher Education  
1-62 Coordinating Board may adopt rules relating to the operation of  
1-63 admissions programs under this subchapter, including rules

2-1 relating to the identification of eligible students and the  
2-2 reporting requirements of Section 51.806.

2-3 (b) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board after  
2-4 consulting with the Texas Education Agency by rule shall establish  
2-5 standards for determining for purposes of this subchapter:

2-6 (1) whether a private high school is accredited by a  
2-7 generally accepted accrediting organization; and

2-8 (2) whether a person completed a high school  
2-9 curriculum that is equivalent to the curriculum established under  
2-10 Section 28.025 for the recommended or advanced high school program.

2-11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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