

Amend CSSB 1227 (House committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS of the bill and renumbering existing SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_. (a) Section 51.801, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 51.801. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter, "general academic teaching institution," "governing board," "medical and dental unit," "public junior college," "public technical institute," and "university system" have the meanings assigned by Section 61.003.

(b) Subchapter U, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.8065 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.8065. AUTOMATIC ADMISSION: UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER STUDENTS HOLDING ASSOCIATE DEGREES OR CERTIFICATES. (a) In this section, "public upper-level institution of higher education" means an institution of higher education that offers only junior-level and senior-level courses or only junior-level, senior-level, and graduate-level courses.

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (g), each general academic teaching institution shall admit an applicant for admission to the institution as an undergraduate transfer student if in the year preceding the academic year for which the applicant is applying for admission under this section the applicant:

(1) received a degree or certificate from a public junior college or public technical institute in a program requiring at least 42 semester credit hours in the core curriculum, as defined by Section 61.821; and

(2) completed the degree or certificate program with a cumulative grade point average of at least a 3.0 on a four-point scale or the equivalent.

(c) To qualify for admission under this section, an applicant must submit an application before the expiration of any application filing deadline established by the institution.

(d) After admitting an applicant under this section, the institution may review the applicant's record and any other factor the institution considers appropriate to determine whether the applicant may require additional preparation for college-level

work or would benefit from inclusion in a retention program. The institution may require a student so identified to enroll during the summer immediately after the student is admitted under this section to participate in appropriate enrichment courses and orientation programs. This section does not prohibit a student who is not determined to need additional preparation for college-level work from enrolling, if the student chooses, during the summer immediately after the student is admitted under this section.

(e) Admission to a specific general academic teaching institution is contingent on the availability of space within the institution for the admission of additional students.

(f) Admissions to a particular program or school within a general academic teaching institution are based solely on the requirements of the institution.

(g) This section does not apply to admission to:

(1) a public upper-level institution of higher education; or

(2) any other general academic teaching institution if, with respect to the academic year for which an undergraduate transfer student has applied for admission, the institution has filled through automatic admission as required by the other provisions of this subchapter at least 50 percent of the spaces available for entering undergraduate students at the institution.

(c) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the governing board of each general academic teaching institution shall adopt rules or policies relating to the admission of students under Section 51.8065, Education Code, as added by this section, not later than February 1, 2006.

(d) Section 51.8065, Education Code, as added by this section, applies beginning with admissions for the 2006 fall semester.