BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Almost four decades ago, when the Texas Legislature established The University of Texas at Dallas, and again approximately two decades ago when the Egislature authorized the university to enroll freshmen and sophomore students, the authorizing legislation included language placing restrictions and limitations on the university's programs and enrollments. S.B. 254 repeals these various limitations, restrictions, and mandates to eliminate the risk that in the future they might constitute potential or perceived impediments to the university as it continues to meet the needs of the citizens of Texas.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Repealer: Sections 70.05 (Programs at Other Universities) and 70.08 (Undergraduate Admissions), Education Code.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2005.