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H.B. No. 695

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the effect of changes in high school enrollment on the  
3 eligibility of a graduating high school student for automatic  
4 admission to a general academic teaching institution.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter U, Chapter 51, Education Code, is  
7 amended by adding Section 51.806 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 51.806. DETERMINATION OF GRADUATING CLASS  
9 ENROLLMENT. The total enrollment of a student's high school  
10 graduating class for the purpose of determining whether the student  
11 graduated with a grade point average in the applicable percent of  
12 the student's high school graduating class under this subchapter is  
13 the greater of:

14 (1) the total number of students enrolled in the high  
15 school's junior class on October 1 of the student's junior year; or

16 (2) the total number of students enrolled in the  
17 student's high school class on the last school day of the most  
18 recent semester in which the student was enrolled in the high school  
19 and that preceded the application deadline of the general academic  
20 institution to which the student is applying.

21 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply  
22 beginning with admissions to an institution of higher education for  
23 the 2008-2009 academic year. Admissions to an academic year before  
24 that academic year are governed by the law in effect before the

1 effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in  
2 effect for that purpose.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.