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H.B. No. 1858

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the computation of public high school grade point averages.

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

SECTION 1. Section 28.0252, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (b-1) and adding Subsections (a-1) and (a-2) to read as follows:

(a) The commissioner may develop a standard method of computing a student's high school grade point average that provides for additional weight to be given to each honors course, advanced placement course, international baccalaureate course, or dual credit course completed by a student. Any standard method developed under this subsection must be consistent with the requirements of Subsection (a-1).

(a-1) A school district that computes a student's high school grade point average in a manner that provides for additional weight to be given to any of the following types of courses completed by a student shall provide for the same weight to be given to all of the following types of courses completed by a student:

(1) an honors course;

(2) an advanced placement course;

(3) an international baccalaureate course; or

(4) a dual credit course.

(a-2) A student's grade point average computed in the manner

1 provided by Subsection (a-1) shall be used in determining the
2 student's eligibility for automatic college admission under
3 Section 51.803.

4 (b-1) Subsection (a-1) [~~(b)~~] applies only to students
5 entering grade nine during or after the 2007-2008 school year. This
6 subsection expires September 1, 2011 [~~2010~~].

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.