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H.B. No. 2372

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the computation of a student's high school grade point average.

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

SECTION 1. Section 28.0252(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) If the commissioner develops a standard method under this section, a school district shall use the standard method to compute a student's high school grade point average, except that to the extent of a conflict between that method and the method adopted under Section 51.807, [and] the student's grade point average computed in accordance with the method established under Section 51.807 [that manner] shall be used in determining the student's eligibility for university [automatic college] admission under Subchapter U, Chapter 51 [Section 51.803].

SECTION 2. Section 51.807, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 51.807. RULEMAKING. (a) To ensure a uniform standard for admissions under this subchapter, the [The] Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall adopt rules establishing a standard method for computing a student's high school grade point average. The method established under this subsection:

(1) must:

(A) be based on a four-point scale; and

1           (B) assign additional weight, as the board  
2 considers appropriate, for each honors course, advanced placement  
3 course, international baccalaureate course, or dual credit course  
4 completed by a student; and

5           (2) may result in a student having a grade point  
6 average higher than 4.0 on a four-point scale as a result of the  
7 assignment of additional weight for one or more courses completed  
8 by a student under Subdivision (1)(B).

9           (b) The board may adopt other rules relating to the  
10 operation of admissions programs under this subchapter, including  
11 rules relating to the identification of eligible students [~~and the~~  
12 ~~reporting requirements of Section 51.806].~~

13           (c) The standard method established under Subsection (a)  
14 for computing a student's high school grade point average applies  
15 only to computing the grade point average of a student applying as a  
16 first-time freshman for admission to a general academic teaching  
17 institution beginning with the 2009 fall semester. This subsection  
18 expires January 1, 2010.

19           SECTION 3. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board  
20 shall adopt rules as required by Section 51.807, Education Code, as  
21 soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act.

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