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TO: Honorable Geanie Morrison, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1186 by Morrison (Relating to the automatic admission of undergraduate students to general academic teaching institutions.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill will amend Section 51.803 of the Education Code for the automatic admission of resident undergraduate students in the top 10 percent of their graduating class. A general academic teaching institution would not be required to admit more than 50 percent of the first time resident undergraduate students qualifying as top 10 percent students in an academic year. If the number of qualifying applicants exceeds 50%, admission would be offered first to applicants who completed the advanced high school program or equivalent, and then to the remaining applicants by percentile rank, beginning with the top percentile rank, until a sufficient number of applicants have accepted admission, except that admission must be offered to all applicants with the same percentile rank. The remaining applicants qualified for automatic admission shall be considered for admission by criteria consistent with those used for other first time students in accordance with Section 51.805.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 783 University of Houston System Administration

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