

SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Morrison

H.B. No. 3826

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to high school curriculum requirements for admission to public institutions of higher education and to the admission to public institutions of higher education of the children of certain public servants killed in the line of duty.

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

SECTION 1. Section 51.803, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 51.803. AUTOMATIC ADMISSION: ALL INSTITUTIONS. (a) Each general academic teaching institution shall admit an applicant for admission to the institution as an undergraduate student if the applicant graduated with a grade point average in the top 10 percent of the student's high school graduating class in one of the two school years preceding the academic year for which the applicant is applying for admission and:

(1) the applicant graduated from a public or private high school in this state accredited by a generally recognized accrediting organization or from a high school operated by the United States Department of Defense;

(2) the applicant successfully completed:

(A) at a public high school, the curriculum requirements established under Section 28.025 for the recommended or advanced high school program; or

(B) at a high school to which Section 28.025 does

1 not apply, a curriculum that is equivalent in content and rigor to
2 the recommended or advanced high school program; and

3 (3) [~~To qualify for admission under this section, an~~
4 ~~applicant must submit an application before the expiration of any~~
5 ~~application filing deadline established by the institution and,~~] if
6 the applicant graduated from a high school operated by the United
7 States Department of Defense, the applicant is [~~must be~~] a Texas
8 resident under Section 54.052 or is [~~be~~] entitled to pay tuition
9 fees at the rate provided for Texas residents under Section
10 54.058(d) for the term or semester to which admitted.

11 (b) Subsection (a)(2) does not apply to an applicant who
12 graduates from a high school that does not have the curriculum
13 described by that subsection. An applicant who does not satisfy the
14 curriculum requirements prescribed by Subsection (a)(2)(A) or (B)
15 is considered to have satisfied those requirements if the student
16 completed the portion of the recommended or advanced curriculum or
17 of the curriculum equivalent in content and rigor, as applicable,
18 that was available to the student but was unable to complete the
19 remainder of the curriculum solely because courses necessary to
20 complete the remainder were unavailable to the student at the
21 appropriate times in the student's high school career as a result of
22 course scheduling, lack of enrollment capacity, or another cause
23 not within the student's control.

24 (c) To qualify for admission under this section, an
25 applicant must:

26 (1) submit an application before the expiration of any
27 application filing deadline established by the institution; and

1 (2) provide a high school transcript or diploma that
2 satisfies the requirements of Subsection (d).

3 (d) For purposes of Subsection (c)(2), a student's official
4 transcript or diploma must, not later than the end of the student's
5 junior year, indicate:

6 (1) whether the student has satisfied or is on
7 schedule to satisfy the requirements of Subsection (a)(2)(A) or
8 (B), as applicable; or

9 (2) if Subsection (b) applies to the student, whether
10 the student has completed the portion of the recommended or
11 advanced curriculum or of the curriculum equivalent in content and
12 rigor, as applicable, that was available to the student.

13 (e) Each institution of higher education shall admit an
14 applicant for admission to the institution as an undergraduate
15 student if the applicant:

16 (1) is the child of a public servant listed in Section
17 615.003, Government Code, who was killed or sustained a fatal
18 injury in the line of duty; and

19 (2) meets the minimum requirements, if any,
20 established for purposes of this subsection by the governing board
21 of the institution for high school or prior college-level grade
22 point average and performance on standardized tests.

23 (f) After admitting an applicant under this section, the
24 institution shall review the applicant's record and any other
25 factor the institution considers appropriate to determine whether
26 the applicant may require additional preparation for college-level
27 work or would benefit from inclusion in a retention program. The

1 institution may require a student so identified to enroll during
2 the summer immediately after the student is admitted under this
3 section to participate in appropriate enrichment courses and
4 orientation programs. This section does not prohibit a student who
5 is not determined to need additional preparation for college-level
6 work from enrolling, if the student chooses, during the summer
7 immediately after the student is admitted under this section.

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13 adopt an admissions policy under which an applicant to the
14 institution as a first-time freshman student, other than an
15 applicant eligible for admission under Section 51.803, shall be
16 admitted to the institution if the applicant:

17 (1) graduated from a public or private high school in
18 this state accredited by a generally recognized accrediting
19 organization with a grade point average in the top 25 percent of the
20 applicant's high school graduating class; and

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23 the student; and

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3 Section 51.803(a)(2) or (b), as applicable to the student, and
4 Sections 51.803(c)(2) and (d).

5 (e) This section does not apply to an institution that has
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7 general academic teaching institution that has an open enrollment
8 policy only if the student satisfies the requirements described by
9 Subsection (a).

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11 read as follows:

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14 admissions programs under this subchapter, including rules
15 relating to the identification of eligible students [~~and the~~
16 ~~reporting requirements of Section 51.806~~].

17 (b) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, after
18 consulting with the Texas Education Agency, by rule shall establish
19 standards for determining for purposes of this subchapter:

20 (1) whether a private high school is accredited by a
21 generally recognized accrediting organization; and

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23 curriculum that is equivalent in content and rigor to the
24 curriculum requirements established under Section 28.025 for the
25 recommended or advanced high school program.

26 SECTION 5. Section 51.803(e), Education Code, as added by
27 this Act, applies beginning with admissions to general academic

1 teaching institutions for the 2008-2009 academic year. Admissions
2 to a general academic teaching institution before that academic
3 year are covered by the law in effect before the effective date of
4 this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that
5 purpose.

6 SECTION 6. The commissioner of education shall adopt
7 procedures to ensure that, as soon as practicable after this Act
8 takes effect, each school district in this state provides written
9 notification of the substance of Subchapter U, Chapter 51,
10 Education Code, as amended by this Act, to each district student
11 who, for the 2007-2008 school year, registers for one or more
12 courses required for high school graduation. The commissioner may
13 adopt rules under this section in the manner provided by law for
14 emergency rules. Each district shall comply with the procedures
15 adopted by the commissioner under this section.

16 SECTION 7. The changes in law made by this Act apply
17 beginning with admissions to a general academic teaching
18 institution for the 2008-2009 academic year. Admissions to a
19 general academic teaching institution for an academic period before
20 that academic year are governed by the law in effect immediately
21 before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is
22 continued in effect for that purpose.

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

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MAY 23 2007

Letay Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

By: Morrison

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Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3826:

By: Slipin

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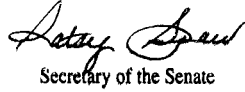
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SECTION 8. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect,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

ADOPTED

MAY 24 2007


Secretary of the Senate

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 1

BY: 

1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 3826 (Senate Committee Printing) as
2 follows:

3 (1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, strike amended Subdivision
4 (2), Subsection (a), Section 51.803, Education Code (page 1, lines
5 28-39), and substitute the following:

6 (2) the applicant successfully completed:

7 (A) at a public high school, the curriculum
8 requirements established under Section 28.025 for the recommended
9 or advanced high school program; or

10 (B) at a high school to which Section 28.025 does
11 not apply, a curriculum that is equivalent in content and rigor to
12 the recommended or advanced high school program; and

13 (2) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in amended Subsection (b),
14 Section 51.803, Education Code (page 1, line 48), between "(b)" and
15 "An applicant", insert "Subsection (a)(2) does not apply to an
16 applicant who graduates from a high school that does not have the
17 curriculum described by that subsection."

18 (3) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in amended Subsection (b),
19 Section 51.803, Education Code (page 1, line 49), strike
20 "Subsection (a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii)" and substitute "Subsection
21 (a)(2)(A) or (B)".

22 (4) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in added Subsection (d),
23 Section 51.803, Education Code (page 2, lines 6 and 7), strike
24 "Subsection (a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii)" and substitute "Subsection
25 (a)(2)(A) or (B)".

26 (5) In SECTION 2 of the bill, strike amended Subdivision
27 (2), Section 51.804, Education Code (page 2, lines 47-50), and
28 substitute the following:

29 (2) satisfies the requirements of Sections 51.803(c)

1 and (d) and:

2 (A) satisfies the requirements of Section
3 51.803(a)(2) or (b), as applicable to the student; or

4 (B) satisfied ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks
5 on the ACT assessment applicable to the applicant or earned on the
6 SAT assessment a score of at least 1,500 out of 2,400 or the
7 equivalent.

8 (6) In SECTION 3 of the bill, strike amended Subsection (a),
9 Section 51.805, Education Code (page 2, lines 53-58), and
10 substitute the following:

11 (a) A graduating student who does not qualify for admission
12 under Section 51.803 or 51.804 may apply to any general academic
13 teaching institution if the student satisfies the requirements of
14 Sections 51.803(c) and (d) and:

15 (1) satisfies the requirements of Section
16 51.803(a)(2) or (b), as applicable to the student; or

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18 the ACT assessment applicable to the applicant or earned on the SAT
19 assessment a score of at least 1,500 out of 2,400 or the equivalent.

ADOPTED

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 2

MAY 23 2007 BY: Ogden

Lataj Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 3826, by adding the following
2 appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering the
3 remaining SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION __. Subchapter D, Chapter 54, Education Code, is
5 amended by adding Section 54.202 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 54.202. TOP 10 PERCENT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES. (a)
7 This section only applies to a person who qualifies for
8 automatic admission under Section 51.803.

9 (b) Each general academic teaching institution shall exempt
10 a person to whom this section applies from the payment of
11 tuition and special course fees, lab fees, and student teaching
12 fees.

13 (c) The exemption from tuition under Subsection (b) does
14 not apply to designated tuition charged under Section 54.0513.

15 (d) In order to continue to receive an exemption under this
16 section after the person has received an exemption under this
17 section for two or more academic years or the equivalent, a
18 person must:

19 (1) enroll for a full course load for an undergraduate
20 student, as determined by the coordinating board, in an
21 undergraduate degree or certificate program at a general
22 academic teaching institution; and

23 (2) have a cumulative grade point average of at least
24 2.5 on a four-point scale or the equivalent on all coursework
25 previously attempted at institutions of higher education, if the
26 person is enrolled in any academic year after the person's
27 second academic year.

28 (e) The legislature shall account in the General
29 Appropriations Act for the exemptions authorized by Subsection

1 (b) in a way that provides a corresponding increase in the
2 general revenue funds appropriated to the institution.

3 (f) The legislature may appropriate money to the Texas
4 Higher Education Coordinating Board to be used to reimburse
5 general academic teaching institutions for reducing as provided
6 by this subsection the amount of designated tuition charged
7 under Section 54.0513 to persons receiving exemptions from
8 tuition and fees under Subsection (b). Based on the amount of
9 appropriations under this subsection available for each academic
10 year, the coordinating board shall estimate the amount by which
11 the designated tuition charged under Section 54.0513 to each
12 person who receives an exemption from tuition and fees under
13 Subsection (b) in that academic year may be reduced from the
14 amount that the applicable institution would otherwise charge
15 the person. The coordinating board shall distribute the amount
16 of appropriations under this subsection available for the
17 academic year to general academic teaching institutions in
18 proportion to the number of semester credit hours for which the
19 coordinating board estimates students will receive exemptions
20 under Subsection (b) in that academic year at each institution.
21 Each general academic teaching institution that receives money
22 under this section shall reduce the amount of designated tuition
23 charged to each student who receives an exemption under
24 Subsection (b) by the amount determined by the coordinating
25 board for that academic year.

26 SECTION ____ . The change in law made by this Act in adding
27 Section 54.202, Education Code, applies beginning with tuition,
28 fees, and other charges for the 2008 fall semester. Tuition,
29 fees, and other charges for a term or semester before the 2008
30 fall semester are covered by the law in effect immediately

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

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 80TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 18, 2007

TO: Honorable Florence Shapiro, Chair, Senate Committee on Education

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

IN RE: **HB3826** by Morrison (Relating to high school curriculum requirements for admission to public institutions of higher education.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend automatic admission requirements under various sections of the Education Code. The bill clarifies the eligibility of students for automatic admission. The bill includes a provision whereby a student, who graduated from a high school where the recommended or advanced high school curriculum did not apply, could be eligible for automatic admission if the high school curriculum is the equivalent in content and rigor to the recommended or advanced high school program. Under provisions of the bill, an applicant would not be required to complete the recommended or advanced curriculum if the student graduated from a public high school that did not offer the recommended or advanced programs, or they could not complete the recommended or advanced program due to the lack of courses available at the appropriate times in a student's high school career as a result of course scheduling or lack of enrollment capacity or other cause outside the control of the student. An institution of higher education would also be required to admit an applicant who is a child of a public servant, as listed in Section 615.003 of the Government Code, who was killed or sustained a fatal injury in the line of duty and meets minimum requirements established by the governing board of the institution.

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No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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LBB Staff: JOB, JSp, MN, RT, GO

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FISCAL NOTE, 80TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION
Revision 1

April 27, 2007

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No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend automatic admission requirements under various sections of the Education Code. The bill clarifies the eligibility of students for automatic admission. The bill includes a provision whereby a student, who graduated from a high school where the recommended or advanced high school curriculum did not apply, could be eligible for automatic admission if the high school curriculum is the equivalent in content and rigor to the recommended or advanced high school program. Under provisions of the bill, an applicant would not be required to complete the recommended or advanced curriculum if the student graduated from a public high school that did not offer the recommended or advanced programs, or they could not complete the recommended or advanced program due to the lack of courses available at the appropriate times in a student's high school career as a result of course scheduling or lack of enrollment capacity or other cause outside the control of the student.

Under provisions of the bill, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, after consulting with the Texas Education Agency, by rule shall establish standards for determining whether a private high school is accredited by a generally recognized accrediting organization and whether a person completed a high school curriculum that is equivalent in content and rigor to the curriculum requirements established under the recommended or advanced high school program. The Higher Education Coordinating Board would implement these provisions within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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