

Amend Floor Amendment No. 1 (floor substitute) by Representative Branch to CSSB 175 by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and by renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subchapter U, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.8075 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.8075. UNIFORM POLICY REGARDING UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS. (a) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall adopt and as necessary amend a uniform affirmative action policy that reflects recent decisions by the United States Supreme Court on issues related to admissions in higher education. The policy must include provisions designed to increase student diversity with respect to the different areas of this state.

(b) Not later than November 1 of each year, the coordinating board shall disseminate the policy described by Subsection (a) to each institution of higher education, as defined by Section 61.003. Not later than December 31 of that year, the governing board of each institution of higher education shall adopt, for use in its admissions for the following academic year, an affirmative action policy that is equivalent to or more stringent than the policy described by Subsection (a).