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H.B. No. 1262

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to increasing the number of undergraduate transfer students at general academic teaching institutions.

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

SECTION 1. Section 51.808, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsections (b-1), (b-2), and (d) to read as follows:

(a) Each general academic teaching institution or medical and dental unit that offers [~~admissions to undergraduate transfer students or~~] admissions to a graduate, postgraduate, or professional program shall adopt a written admission policy applicable to those programs.

(b) Each general academic teaching institution shall adopt a written admission policy to promote the admission of undergraduate transfer students to the institution. The policy must provide for outreach and recruiting efforts directed at junior colleges and other lower-division institutions of higher education and may include incentives to encourage transfer applications and to retain and promote transfer students. The policy must provide for a number of undergraduate transfer students to be admitted to the institution so that, of the undergraduate students enrolled at the institution, at least 33.3 percent are transfer students who have completed at least 15 semester credit hours at a junior college.

1 (b-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (b):

2 (1) the requirement prescribed by that subsection
3 regarding the percentage of undergraduate students who must be
4 transfer students does not apply before the 2014 fall semester; and

5 (2) for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 academic years,
6 the policy required by Subsection (b) must provide for a number of
7 undergraduate transfer students to be admitted to the institution
8 so that, of the undergraduate students enrolled at the institution,
9 at least 30 percent are transfer students.

10 (b-2) Subsection (b-1) and this subsection expire January
11 1, 2014.

12 (d) On application of a general academic teaching
13 institution, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board may
14 waive or modify a requirement of this section that a certain
15 percentage of the institution's undergraduate student body must
16 consist of transfer students if the coordinating board determines
17 that the requirement would impose an undue hardship on the
18 institution.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.