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H.B. No. 4051

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to an exemption from the curriculum requirements for  
3 automatic admission to public institutions of higher education for  
4 certain students affected by a natural disaster.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 51.803(b), Education Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

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

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.