

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 1728  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2009; March 20, 2009, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;  
1-4 April 20, 2009, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; April 20, 2009,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1728 By: West

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the administration of and eligibility for the Joint  
1-11 Admissions Medical Program.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 51.826, Education Code,  
1-14 is amended to read as follows:

1-15 (a) To be eligible for admission to the program or for  
1-16 selection as a program alternate, an undergraduate student must:

1-17 (1) ~~[have enrolled at an institution of higher~~  
1-18 ~~education not later than the first fall semester following the~~  
1-19 ~~student's graduation from high school;~~

1-20 ~~[(2)]~~ be enrolled at a general academic teaching  
1-21 institution or a private or independent institution of higher  
1-22 education at the time of application to the program;

1-23 (2) ~~[(3)]~~ be a Texas resident for purposes of tuition  
1-24 under Subchapter B, Chapter 54;

1-25 (3) ~~[(4)]~~ except as provided by Subsection (c),  
1-26 successfully complete at least 27 semester credit hours during the  
1-27 student's freshman year;

1-28 (4) ~~[(5)]~~ apply for admission to the program not later  
1-29 than a date, as designated by the council, that occurs during the  
1-30 fall semester of the student's sophomore year at the general  
1-31 academic teaching institution or the private or independent  
1-32 institution of higher education; and

1-33 (5) ~~[(6)]~~ meet criteria established by the council  
1-34 regarding:

1-35 (A) minimum high school and undergraduate grade  
1-36 point averages;

1-37 (B) financial need and any other indication of  
1-38 economic disadvantage; and

1-39 (C) any other matter the council considers  
1-40 appropriate.

1-41 SECTION 2. The following laws are repealed:

1-42 (1) Subsection (b), Section 51.823, Education Code;  
1-43 and

1-44 (2) Subsection (c), Section 51.8265, Education Code.

1-45 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act to Sections  
1-46 51.826 and 51.8265, Education Code, apply beginning with applicants  
1-47 for admission to the Joint Admission Medical Program during the  
1-48 2009-2010 academic year.

1-49 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-50 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-51 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-52 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-53 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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