

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Dan Branch, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

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

**IN RE: HB52** by Branch ( relating to limitations on the automatic admission of undergraduate students to general academic teaching institutions.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend Texas Education Code Section 51.803, relating to limitations on the automatic admission of undergraduate students to general academic teaching institutions. The bill would authorize a general academic institution to limit automatic admission to no less than 50 percent of its first-time resident undergraduate students. If the number of applicants exceeded the number of reserved spaces, the applicants would be offered admission by percentile rank. Remaining applicants would be considered for admission by criteria consistent with those used for other first time students. Institutions would be required to provide information to school districts by April 15 of each year, in a manner prescribed by the Texas Education Agency, regarding the anticipated percentile rankings that will qualify for admission.

There would be no significant fiscal impact on the state as this bill would not affect overall state enrollment in institutions of higher education and would not require significant changes to current enrollment processes.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 758 Texas State University System, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 769 University of North Texas System Administration, 783 University of Houston System Administration

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