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H.B. No. 1268

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the computation of public high school grade point averages.

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

SECTION 1. Section 28.0252, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (a-1), (a-2), and (b-1) to read as follows:

(a) The commissioner may develop a standard method of computing a student's high school grade point average that provides for additional weight to be given to each honors course, advanced placement course, [~~international baccalaureate course~~] or dual credit course completed by a student. Any standard method developed under this subsection must be consistent with the requirements of Subsection (a-1).

(a-1) A school district that computes a student's high school grade point average in a manner that provides for additional weight to be given to any of the following types of courses completed by a student shall provide for the same weight to be given to all of the following types of courses completed by a student:

- (1) an honors course;
- (2) an advanced placement course; or
- (3) a dual credit course.

(a-2) A student's grade point average computed in the manner provided by Subsection (a-1) shall be used in determining the

1 student's eligibility for automatic college admission under
2 Sections 51.803 and 51.804.

3 (b-1) Subsection (a-1) applies only to students entering
4 grade nine during or after the 2011-2012 school year. This
5 subsection expires September 1, 2015.

6 SECTION 2. Section 51.807(a), Education Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (a) Except as provided by Section 28.0252(a-2), the [The]
9 Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board may adopt rules relating
10 to the operation of admissions programs under this subchapter,
11 including rules relating to the identification of eligible
12 students.

13 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.