

By: Branch

H.B. No. 1843

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to limitations on the automatic admission of undergraduate students to general academic teaching institutions.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 51.803(a-3) and (k), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a-3) Notwithstanding Subsection (a-1), The University of Texas at Austin may not offer admission under that subsection for an academic year after the 2017-2018 ~~[2015-2016]~~ academic year.

(k) A general academic teaching institution may not offer admission under Subsection (a-1) for an academic year after the 2017-2018 academic year if, on the date of the institution's general deadline for applications for admission of first-time undergraduate students for that academic year:

(1) a final court order applicable to the institution prohibits the institution from considering an applicant's race or ethnicity as a factor in the institution's decisions relating to first-time undergraduate admissions; or

(2) the institution's governing board by rule, policy, or other manner has provided that an applicant's race or ethnicity may not be considered as a factor in the institution's decisions relating to first-time undergraduate admissions for that ~~[, except that this subdivision does not apply to an institution that did not consider, on or before June 1, 2009, an applicant's race or~~

1 ~~ethnicity as a factor in its admissions of first-time resident~~
2 ~~undergraduate students for the 2009-2010]~~ academic year.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.