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(Branch)

S.B. No. 1530

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the admission of undergraduate students to public
3 institutions of higher education.

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

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

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

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

15 (1) federal law as then interpreted by applicable
16 federal judicial decisions does not prohibit [~~a final court order~~
17 ~~applicable to the institution prohibits~~] the institution from
18 considering an applicant's race or ethnicity as a factor in the
19 institution's decisions relating to first-time undergraduate
20 admissions; and [~~or~~]

21 (2) the institution's governing board by rule, policy,
22 or other manner has provided that an applicant's race or ethnicity
23 may not be considered as a factor in the institution's decisions
24 relating to first-time undergraduate admissions for that [~~except~~

1 ~~that this subdivision does not apply to an institution that did not~~
2 ~~consider, on or before June 1, 2009, an applicant's race or~~
3 ~~ethnicity as a factor in its admissions of first-time resident~~
4 ~~undergraduate students for the 2009-2010] academic year.~~

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