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H.B. No. 3384

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the automatic admission of certain transfer students to  
3 general academic teaching institutions.

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

5 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 51.8035, Education Code,  
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 51.8035. AUTOMATIC ADMISSION OF CERTAIN TRANSFER  
8 APPLICANTS [~~COMPLETING CORE CURRICULUM AT ANOTHER INSTITUTION~~].

9 SECTION 2. Section 51.8035(a)(2), Education Code, is  
10 amended to read as follows:

11 (2) "General academic teaching institution" and  
12 "public junior college" have [~~has~~] the meanings [~~meaning~~] assigned  
13 by Section 61.003.

14 SECTION 3. Section 51.8035, Education Code, is amended by  
15 amending Subsections (b) and (c) and adding Subsection (e) to read  
16 as follows:

17 (b) A general academic teaching institution shall admit an  
18 applicant for admission to the institution as a transfer  
19 undergraduate student who submits a completed application for  
20 admission as a transfer student before the expiration of any  
21 application filing deadline established by the institution and:

22 (1) who:

23 (A) graduated from high school not earlier than  
24 the fourth school year before the academic year for which the

1 applicant seeks admission to the institution as a transfer student  
2 and:

3 (i) [~~(A)~~] qualified for automatic  
4 admission to a general academic teaching institution under Section  
5 51.803 at the time of graduation; or

6 (ii) [~~(B)~~] was previously offered  
7 admission under this subchapter to the institution to which the  
8 applicant seeks admission as a transfer student;

9 (B) [~~(2)~~] first enrolled in a public junior  
10 college or other public or private lower-division institution of  
11 higher education not earlier than the third academic year before  
12 the academic year for which the applicant seeks admission; and

13 (C) [~~(3)~~] completed the core curriculum at a  
14 public junior college or other public or private lower-division  
15 institution of higher education with a cumulative grade point  
16 average of at least 2.5 on a four-point scale or the equivalent; or

17 (2) who enrolled in a public junior college and  
18 completed at least 60 semester credit hours with a cumulative grade  
19 point average in the top 10 percent of cumulative grade point  
20 averages for all students of the public junior college who  
21 completed at least 60 semester credit hours at the public junior  
22 college during the academic year in which the applicant completed  
23 those semester credit hours, as determined by the public junior  
24 college under Subsection (e), provided the applicant completed the  
25 majority of the applicant's semester credit hours at the public  
26 junior college ~~and~~

27 [~~(4)~~ submits a completed application for admission as

1 ~~a transfer student before the expiration of any application filing~~  
2 ~~deadline established by the institution].~~

3 (c) For purposes of Subsection (b)(1) [~~this section~~],  
4 transfer semester credit hours from a different institution of  
5 higher education and semester credit hours earned by examination  
6 shall be included in determining whether the person completed the  
7 core curriculum at an institution of higher education.

8 (e) For purposes of Subsection (b)(2), as soon as  
9 practicable following each academic year, each public junior  
10 college shall calculate and report to the Texas Higher Education  
11 Coordinating Board the minimum cumulative grade point average  
12 required for a student at the public junior college to qualify for  
13 transfer admission under that subdivision.

14 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act to Section  
15 [51.8035](#), Education Code, apply beginning with admissions to an  
16 institution of higher education for the 2016-2017 academic year.  
17 Admissions to an institution of higher education for an academic  
18 year before that academic year are governed by the law in effect  
19 immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the former  
20 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

21 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.