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S.B. No. 1219

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a requirement that the Texas Higher Education
3 Coordinating Board conduct an annual comprehensive evaluation of
4 the impact of the top 10 percent automatic admissions law.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 61.0667 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 61.0667. ANNUAL EVALUATION OF AUTOMATIC ADMISSIONS.

9 (a) Annually, the board shall conduct a comprehensive, statewide
10 quantitative and qualitative evaluation of the impact of the
11 automatic admission of students at general academic teaching
12 institutions under Section 51.803, with particular focus on the
13 impact of automatic admissions on admissions to The University of
14 Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University.

15 (b) The evaluation required under this section must include
16 an analysis of the impact of automatic admissions under Section
17 51.803 on the racial, socioeconomic, and geographic diversity of
18 first-time resident undergraduate students at general academic
19 teaching institutions.

20 (c) On request, a general academic teaching institution
21 shall provide the board with any information the board considers
22 necessary for conducting its evaluation under this section.

23 (d) The evaluation required by this section is in addition
24 to the annual report required by Section 51.803(1).

1 (e) Not later than September 1 of each year, the board shall
2 provide to each standing committee of the legislature with primary
3 jurisdiction over higher education and to the primary author and
4 sponsor of the legislation enacting this section, if still members
5 of the legislature, a detailed written report regarding the board's
6 most recent evaluation conducted under this section.

7 SECTION 2. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
8 shall provide the initial report required under Section 61.0667,
9 Education Code, as added by this Act, not later than September 1,
10 2018.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.