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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to automatic admission to general academic teaching
3 institutions for valedictorians of certain high school graduating
4 classes.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 51.803, Education Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (a-3) to read as follows:

8 (a-3) Beginning with admissions for the 2018-2019 academic
9 year and notwithstanding Subsections (a) and (a-1), each general
10 academic teaching institution shall admit an applicant for
11 admission to the institution as an undergraduate student if:

12 (1) the applicant is the sole valedictorian of the
13 applicant's high school graduating class; and

14 (2) the size of the class is too small for the
15 valedictorian to be ranked at the lowest percentile that would
16 qualify for automatic admission under Subsection (a) or (a-1) as
17 applicable.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.