

1-1 By: Seliger, Creighton S.B. No. 2119  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2017; March 28, 2017, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;  
 1-4 April 24, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 3; April 24, 2017,  
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

|                          | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-8 Seliger              | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-9 West                 |     | X   |        |     |
| 1-10 Bettencourt         | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-11 Buckingham          | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-12 Menéndez            |     | X   |        |     |
| 1-13 Taylor of Galveston | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-14 Watson              |     | X   |        |     |
| 1-15                     |     |     |        |     |

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2119 By: Seliger

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the automatic admission of students to general academic  
 1-20 teaching institutions.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Sections 51.803(a-1), (a-2), and (a-6),  
 1-23 Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-24 (a-1) Beginning with admissions for the 2021-2022  
 1-25 ~~[2011-2012]~~ academic year, a general academic teaching institution  
 1-26 ~~[The University of Texas at Austin]~~ is not required to offer  
 1-27 admission to applicants who qualify for automatic admission under  
 1-28 Subsection (a) in excess of the number required to fill 30 ~~[75]~~  
 1-29 percent of the institution's ~~[university's]~~ enrollment capacity  
 1-30 designated for first-time resident undergraduate students in an  
 1-31 academic year. If the number of applicants who qualify for  
 1-32 automatic admission to the institution ~~[The University of Texas at~~  
 1-33 ~~Austin]~~ under Subsection (a) for an academic year exceeds 30 ~~[75]~~  
 1-34 percent of the institution's ~~[university's]~~ enrollment capacity  
 1-35 designated for first-time resident undergraduate students for that  
 1-36 academic year, the institution ~~[university]~~ may elect to offer  
 1-37 admission to those applicants as provided by this subsection and  
 1-38 not as otherwise required by Subsection (a). If the institution  
 1-39 ~~[university]~~ elects to offer admission under this subsection, the  
 1-40 institution ~~[university]~~ shall offer admission to those applicants  
 1-41 by percentile rank according to high school graduating class  
 1-42 standing based on grade point average, beginning with the top  
 1-43 percentile rank, until the applicants qualified under Subsection  
 1-44 (a) have been offered admission in the number estimated in good  
 1-45 faith by the institution ~~[university]~~ as sufficient to fill 30 ~~[75]~~  
 1-46 percent of the institution's ~~[university's]~~ enrollment capacity  
 1-47 designated for first-time resident undergraduate students, except  
 1-48 that the institution ~~[university]~~ must offer admission to all  
 1-49 applicants with the same percentile rank. After the applicants  
 1-50 qualified for automatic admission under Subsection (a) have been  
 1-51 offered admission under this subsection in the number estimated in  
 1-52 good faith as sufficient to fill at least 30 ~~[75]~~ percent of the  
 1-53 designated enrollment capacity described by this subsection, the  
 1-54 institution ~~[university]~~ shall consider any remaining applicants  
 1-55 qualified for automatic admission under Subsection (a) in the same  
 1-56 manner as other applicants for admission as first-time  
 1-57 undergraduate students in accordance with Section 51.805.

1-58 (a-2) If the number of applicants who apply to a general  
 1-59 academic teaching institution during the current academic year for  
 1-60 admission in the next academic year and who qualify for automatic

2-1 admission to a general academic teaching institution under  
2-2 Subsection (a) exceeds 30 [~~75~~] percent of the institution's  
2-3 enrollment capacity designated for first-time resident  
2-4 undergraduate students for that next academic year and the  
2-5 institution plans to offer admission under Subsection (a-1) during  
2-6 the next school year, the institution shall, in the manner  
2-7 prescribed by the Texas Education Agency and not later than  
2-8 September 15, provide to each school district, for dissemination of  
2-9 the information to high school junior-level students and their  
2-10 parents, notice of which percentile ranks of high school  
2-11 senior-level students who qualify for automatic admission under  
2-12 Subsection (a) are anticipated by the institution to be offered  
2-13 admission under Subsection (a-1) during the next school year.

2-14 (a-6) Not later than December 31 of each academic year in  
2-15 which a general academic teaching institution [~~The University of~~  
2-16 ~~Texas at Austin~~] offers admission under Subsection (a-1), the  
2-17 institution [~~university~~] shall deliver a written report to the  
2-18 governor, the lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of  
2-19 representatives regarding the institution's [~~university's~~]  
2-20 progress in each of the following matters:

2-21 (1) increasing geographic diversity of the entering  
2-22 freshman class;

2-23 (2) counseling and outreach efforts aimed at students  
2-24 qualified for automatic admission under this section;

2-25 (3) recruiting Texas residents who graduate from other  
2-26 institutions of higher education to the institution's  
2-27 [~~university's~~] graduate and professional degree programs;

2-28 (4) recruiting students who are members of  
2-29 underrepresented demographic segments of the state's population;  
2-30 and

2-31 (5) assessing and improving the institution's  
2-32 [~~university's~~] regional recruitment efforts [~~centers~~].

2-33 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply  
2-34 beginning with admissions to a general academic teaching  
2-35 institution for the 2021-2022 academic year. Admissions to a  
2-36 general academic teaching institution for an academic period before  
2-37 that academic year are governed by the law in effect immediately  
2-38 before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is  
2-39 continued in effect for that purpose.

2-40 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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