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H.B. No. 3068

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the consideration of an alternative assessment
3 instrument score in undergraduate admissions at certain public
4 institutions of higher education.

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

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

8 (a) Subject to Subsection (a-1), each general academic
9 teaching institution shall admit an applicant for admission to the
10 institution as an undergraduate student if the applicant graduated
11 with a grade point average in the top 10 percent of the student's
12 high school graduating class in one of the two school years
13 preceding the academic year for which the applicant is applying for
14 admission and:

15 (1) the applicant:

16 (A) graduated from a public or private high
17 school in this state accredited by a generally recognized
18 accrediting organization or from a high school operated by the
19 United States Department of Defense; or

20 (B) completed a nontraditional secondary
21 education as defined by Section 51.9241;

22 (2) the applicant:

23 (A) successfully completed:

24 (i) at a public high school, the curriculum

1 requirements established under Section 28.025 for the
2 distinguished level of achievement under the foundation high school
3 program; or

4 (ii) at a high school to which Section
5 28.025 does not apply, a curriculum that is equivalent in content
6 and rigor to the distinguished level of achievement under the
7 foundation high school program; or

8 (B) either:

9 (i) satisfied ACT's College Readiness
10 Benchmarks on the ACT assessment applicable to the applicant; or

11 (ii) earned:

12 (a) on the SAT assessment a score of
13 at least 1,500 out of 2,400 or the equivalent; or

14 (b) on the Classic Learning Test
15 assessment a score of at least 71 out of 120 or the equivalent; and

16 (3) if the applicant graduated from a high school
17 operated by the United States Department of Defense, the applicant
18 is a Texas resident under Section 54.052 or is entitled to pay
19 tuition fees at the rate provided for Texas residents under Section
20 54.241(d) for the term or semester to which admitted.

21 SECTION 2. Section 51.805(a), Education Code, is amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (a) A graduating student who does not qualify for admission
24 under Section 51.803 or 51.804 may apply to any general academic
25 teaching institution if the student:

26 (1) successfully completed:

27 (A) at a public high school, the curriculum

1 requirements established under Section 28.025 for the foundation
2 high school program; or

3 (B) at a high school to which Section 28.025 does
4 not apply, a curriculum that is equivalent in content and rigor to
5 the foundation high school program; or

6 (2) either:

7 (A) satisfied ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks
8 on the ACT assessment applicable to the applicant; or

9 (B) earned:

10 (i) on the SAT assessment a score of at
11 least 1,500 out of 2,400 or the equivalent; or

12 (ii) on the Classic Learning Test
13 assessment a score of at least 71 out of 120 or the equivalent.

14 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply
15 beginning with admissions to a general academic teaching
16 institution for the 2026 fall semester. Admissions to a general
17 academic teaching institution for a term or semester before the
18 2026 fall semester are governed by the law in effect immediately
19 before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is
20 continued in effect for that purpose.

21 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
25 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.