

1 AN ACT
2 relating to high school curriculum requirements for admission to
3 public institutions of higher education and to the admission to
4 public institutions of higher education of the children of certain
5 public servants killed in the line of duty.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 51.803, Education Code, is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 Sec. 51.803. AUTOMATIC ADMISSION: ALL INSTITUTIONS. (a)
10 Each general academic teaching institution shall admit an applicant
11 for admission to the institution as an undergraduate student if the
12 applicant graduated with a grade point average in the top 10 percent
13 of the student's high school graduating class in one of the two
14 school years preceding the academic year for which the applicant is
15 applying for admission and:

16 (1) the applicant graduated from a public or private
17 high 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;

20 (2) the applicant:

21 (A) successfully completed:

22 (i) at a public high school, the curriculum
23 requirements established under Section 28.025 for the recommended
24 or advanced high school program; or

1 SECTION 3. Sections 51.805(a) and (e), Education Code, are
2 amended to read as follows:

3 (a) A graduating student who does not qualify for admission
4 under Section 51.803 or 51.804 may apply to any general academic
5 teaching institution if the student satisfies the requirements of:

6 (1) Section 51.803(a)(2)(A) or 51.803(b), as
7 applicable to the student, or Section 51.803(a)(2)(B); and

8 (2) Sections 51.803(c)(2) and 51.803(d).

9 (e) This section does not apply to an institution that has
10 an open enrollment policy, except that a student may apply to a
11 general academic teaching institution that has an open enrollment
12 policy only if the student satisfies the requirements described by
13 Subsection (a).

14 SECTION 4. Section 51.807, Education Code, is amended to
15 read as follows:

16 Sec. 51.807. RULEMAKING. (a) The Texas Higher Education
17 Coordinating Board may adopt rules relating to the operation of
18 admissions programs under this subchapter, including rules
19 relating to the identification of eligible students [~~and the~~
20 ~~reporting requirements of Section 51.806~~].

21 (b) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, after
22 consulting with the Texas Education Agency, by rule shall establish
23 standards for determining for purposes of this subchapter:

24 (1) whether a private high school is accredited by a
25 generally recognized accrediting organization; and

26 (2) whether a person completed a high school
27 curriculum that is equivalent in content and rigor to the

1 curriculum requirements established under Section 28.025 for the
2 recommended or advanced high school program.

3 SECTION 5. Section 51.803(e), Education Code, as added by
4 this Act, applies beginning with admissions to general academic
5 teaching institutions for the 2008-2009 academic year. Admissions
6 to a general academic teaching institution before that academic
7 year are covered by the law in effect before the effective date of
8 this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that
9 purpose.

10 SECTION 6. The commissioner of education shall adopt
11 procedures to ensure that, as soon as practicable after this Act
12 takes effect, each school district in this state provides written
13 notification of the substance of Subchapter U, Chapter 51,
14 Education Code, as amended by this Act, to each district student
15 who, for the 2007-2008 school year, registers for one or more
16 courses required for high school graduation. The commissioner may
17 adopt rules under this section in the manner provided by law for
18 emergency rules. Each district shall comply with the procedures
19 adopted by the commissioner under this section.

20 SECTION 7. The changes in law made by this Act apply
21 beginning with admissions to a general academic teaching
22 institution for the 2008-2009 academic year. Admissions to a
23 general academic teaching institution for an academic period before
24 that academic year are governed by the law in effect immediately
25 before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is
26 continued in effect for that purpose.

27 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives