

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.S.B. 510
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Committee Report (Substituted)

DIGEST

Currently, Section 51.803, Education Code, requires students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class to be given automatic admission to public universities of Texas in an effort to address the issue of diversity in public institutions of higher education. It has been cited that some citizens are concerned that this provision in the law has not realized its true potential because students and school districts around the state have not been properly notified of the opportunities for automatic college admission. This bill would require all public high schools to post appropriate signs in each counselor's office and each administrative office indicating the substance of Section 51.803 regarding automatic college admission.

PURPOSE

As proposed, C.S.S.B. 510 requires each high school administrative and counselor's office to post signs indicating the substance of the law regarding automatic college admission.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 28B, Education Code, by adding Section 28.026, as follows:

Sec. 28.026. NOTICE OF AUTOMATIC COLLEGE ADMISSION. Requires the board of trustees of a school district to require each high school in the district to post signs in the administrative and counselor's office at the school indicating the substance of Section 51.803 regarding automatic college admission. Requires a school district to require each high school counselor and class advisor to be provided a detailed explanation of Section 51.803; requires each high school counselor and senior class advisor to explain Section 51.803 to eligible students; and provide each eligible senior student, under Section 51.803, and at the commencement of a class's senior year, with notification of their eligibility with a detailed explanation of the substance of Section 51.803.

SECTION 2. Provides that this Act applies beginning with the 1999 - 2000 school year.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1.

Amends Section 28.026, Education Code, to require a school district to require each high school counselor and class advisor to be provided explanation of Section 51.803; require each high school counselor and senior class advisor to explain Section 51.803 to eligible students; and provide each eligible senior student, under Section 51.803, and at the commencement of a class's senior year, with notification of their eligibility with a detailed explanation of the substance of Section 51.803.