

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 1843 extends The University of Texas at Austin's exception to the Top 10 Percent Rule from the 2015-2016 academic year to the 2017-2018 academic year.

Additionally, H.B. 1843 eliminates obsolete provisions applicable to student enrollment prior to the 2009-2010 academic year.

H.B. 1843 amends current law relating to limitations on the automatic admission of undergraduate students to general academic teaching institutions.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 51.803(a-3) and (k), Education Code, as follows:

(a-3) Prohibits The University of Texas at Austin (UT), notwithstanding Subsection (a-1) (relating to providing that UT is not required to offer admission to applicants who qualify for automatic admission in excess of the number required to fill 75 percent of the enrollment capacity in an academic year), from offering admission under that subsection for an academic year after the 2017-1018 academic year, rather than the 2015-2016 academic year.

(k) Prohibits a general academic teaching institution from offering admission under Subsection (a-1) for an academic year after the 2017-2018 academic year if, on the date of the institution's general deadline for applications for admission of first-time undergraduate students for that academic year:

(1) Makes no change to this subdivision; or

(2) the institution's governing board by rule, policy, or other manner has provided that an applicant's race or ethnicity may not be considered as a factor in the institution's decisions relating to first-time undergraduate admissions for that academic year, rather than relating to undergraduate admissions, except that this subdivision does not apply to an institution that did not consider, on or before June 1, 2009, an applicant's race or ethnicity as a factor in its admissions of first-time resident undergraduate students for the 2009-2010 academic year.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2013.