

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 1804  
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### **DIGEST**

Currently, a student attending a public or private high school within Texas is granted automatic acceptance to a general academic teaching institution, provided the student graduated in the top 10 percent of the student's graduating class within the two years immediately preceding the academic year for which the applicant is applying. H.B. 1804 would include that a student who graduated from a high school operated by the U.S. Department of Defense under the same conditions to the group of students who are eligible for automatic admission to these institutions under Section 51.803, Education Code.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 1804 adds students from high schools operated by the U.S. Department of Defense to be included for automatic admission to certain public institutions of higher education under Section 51.803, Education Code.

### **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 Section 51.803(a), Education Code, to require each general academic teaching institution to admit an applicant for admission to the institution as an undergraduate student if the applicant graduated with a grade point average in the top 10 percent of the student's high school graduating class in one of the two school years preceding the academic year for which the applicant is applying for admission and the applicant graduated from a public or private high school in this state accredited by a generally recognized accrediting organization, or from a high school operated by the United States Department of Defense. Requires an applicant to submit an application before the expiration of any application with a filing deadline established by the institution and, if the applicant graduated from a high school operated by the United States Department of Defense, to be a Texas resident under Section 54.052, or be entitled to pay tuition fees at the rate provided for Texas residents under Section 54.058(d) for the term or semester to which admitted. Deletes text regarding a grade point average in the top 10 percent of the student's high school graduating class.

SECTION 2. Provides that the change in law made by this Act applies beginning with admissions for the 2000 fall semester.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.

Effective date: 90 days after adjournment.