

CHAPTER 273

S.B. No. 1324

AN ACT

relating to the provision by public institutions of higher education of information relating to the Texas academic skills program.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 51.306, Education Code, is amended by adding new Subsections (m), (n), and (p) and relettering the current Subsection (m) as Subsection (o) to read as follows:

*(m)(1) A high school student who performs at or above a level on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test to be set by the board is exempt from this section. This exemption will be in effect for three years from the date the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test is*

*taken and the set score level is achieved. Students enrolling for the first time in Texas public colleges and universities after the three-year period has elapsed must conform to all provisions of this section.*

*(2) Entering or transferring students who have achieved a score to be set by the board on the Scholastic Assessment Test or the American College Test are exempt from the requirements of this section. This exemption will be in effect for five years from the date either the Scholastic Assessment Test or the American College Test is taken and the set standard is achieved. Students enrolling for the first time in Texas public colleges and universities after the five-year period has elapsed must conform to all provisions of this section.*

*(n) The board shall adopt rules necessary for the administration of this subchapter.*

*(o) This section does not apply to a student located outside this state who enrolls in a course offered outside this state by an institution of higher education.*

*(p) An institution of higher education shall provide to each student under Subsection (b) of this section who is accepted by the institution for admission information in the institution's catalog relating to the testing and remedial requirements of this section and of the rules adopted by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.*

SECTION 2. Section 13.032, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (k) to read as follows:

*(k) A person who has a composite score on the American College Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or a similar assessment test that is at or above a percentage set by the State Board of Education is not required to take the basic competency examination prescribed by the board as a condition to admission into an approved teacher education program under Subsection (e) of this section.*

SECTION 3. Subsection (m), Section 51.306, and Subsection (k), Section 13.032, Education Code, as added by this Act, apply for admission to a public institution of higher education, as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, on or after the beginning of the fall semester, 1993.

SECTION 4. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on April 22, 1993: Yeas 29, Nays 0; the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 13, 1993: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendments, on May 11, 1993: Yeas 140, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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