Chapter 1210

S.B. No. 1543

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to the admission of undergraduate students with
- 3 nontraditional secondary education to public institutions of
- 4 higher education.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. Section 51.9241, Education Code, is amended by
- 7 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (d) to read as
- 8 follows:
- 9 (b) Because the State of Texas considers successful
- 10 completion of a nontraditional secondary education to be equivalent
- 11 to graduation from a public high school, an institution of higher
- 12 education must treat an applicant for admission to the institution
- 13 as an undergraduate student who presents evidence that the person
- 14 has successfully completed a nontraditional secondary education
- 15 according to the same general standards, including specific
- 16 standardized testing score requirements, as other applicants for
- 17 undergraduate admission who have graduated from a public high
- 18 school.
- 19 (d) If an institution of higher education in its
- 20 undergraduate admission review process sorts applicants by high
- 21 school graduating class rank, the institution shall place any
- 22 applicant who presents evidence that the applicant has successfully
- 23 completed a nontraditional secondary education that does not
- 24 include a high school graduating class ranking at the average high

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- 1 school graduating class rank of undergraduate applicants to the
- 2 institution who have equivalent standardized testing scores as the
- 3 applicant.
- 4 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply
- 5 beginning with admissions to a public institution of higher
- 6 education for the 2016 fall semester. Admissions to a public
- 7 institution of higher education for a term or semester before the
- 8 2016 fall semester are governed by the law in effect immediately
- 9 before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is
- 10 continued in effect for that purpose.
- 11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 8, 2015

TO: Honorable John Zerwas, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1543 by Perry (Relating to the admission of undergraduate students with nontraditional secondary education to public institutions of higher education.), As Engrossed

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

This bill would amend Education Code by adding a requirement that institutions must treat an applicant who has successfully completed a nontraditional secondary education equivalent to the same general standards, including specific standardized testing score requirements, as other applicants who have graduated from a public high school. The changes would apply beginning with admissions to a public institution of higher education for the 2016 fall semester. This analysis assumes that any costs for institutions of higher education to implement the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within current resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 701 Central Education Agency, 710 Texas A&M University System

Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 758 Texas State University System, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 769 University of North Texas System Administration, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 783 University

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FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 10, 2015

TO: Honorable Kel Seliger, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

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April 7, 2015

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