

1-1 By: Perry, Hall S.B. No. 1543
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 12, 2015; March 23, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;
 1-4 April 13, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; April 13, 2015,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Seliger	X			
1-9 West			X	
1-10 Bettencourt	X			
1-11 Burton	X			
1-12 Menéndez	X			
1-13 Perry	X			
1-14 Watson			X	

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1543 By: Burton

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the admission of undergraduate students with
 1-20 nontraditional secondary education to public institutions of
 1-21 higher education.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section [51.9241](#), Education Code, is amended by
 1-24 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (d) to read as
 1-25 follows:

1-26 (b) Because the State of Texas considers successful
 1-27 completion of a nontraditional secondary education to be equivalent
 1-28 to graduation from a public high school, an institution of higher
 1-29 education must treat an applicant for admission to the institution
 1-30 as an undergraduate student who presents evidence that the person
 1-31 has successfully completed a nontraditional secondary education
 1-32 according to the same general standards, including specific
 1-33 standardized testing score requirements, as other applicants for
 1-34 undergraduate admission who have graduated from a public high
 1-35 school.

1-36 (d) If an institution of higher education in its
 1-37 undergraduate admission review process sorts applicants by high
 1-38 school graduating class rank, the institution shall place any
 1-39 applicant who presents evidence that the applicant has successfully
 1-40 completed a nontraditional secondary education that does not
 1-41 include a high school graduating class ranking at the average high
 1-42 school graduating class rank of undergraduate applicants to the
 1-43 institution who have equivalent standardized testing scores as the
 1-44 applicant.

1-45 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply
 1-46 beginning with admissions to a public institution of higher
 1-47 education for the 2016 fall semester. Admissions to a public
 1-48 institution of higher education for a term or semester before the
 1-49 2016 fall semester are governed by the law in effect immediately
 1-50 before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is
 1-51 continued in effect for that purpose.

1-52 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

1-53 * * * * *