Assurance of Equality in Admissions Bill

“A bill to assure admission of the most qualified applicants to Texas A&M”

Whereas (1): Texas A&M is a steward of the public’s money, and has an obligation to spend each dollar towards producing the most prestigious institution for higher learning; and,

Whereas (2): Admission to Texas A&M is becoming increasingly competitive, with over 13,000 new students enrolling in Fall 2012; and,

Whereas (3): Student population at Texas A&M has grown from 44,813 in Fall 2003 to 50,227 in Fall 2012, a 12% increase over 10 years; and,

Whereas (4): Texas A&M Admissions has an obligation to the taxpayer to admit the most qualified applicants based on their merit; and,

Whereas (5): Non-academic information used for identification can give some applicants an unfair advantage; and,
Whereas (6): Merit should be the sole reason for a student's acceptance, not identification.

Let it be
Enacted (1): That just as race and ethnicity are redacted for the reviewer during the admissions process in both freshman and transfer applications, in the same fashion, name, gender, and socio-economic status data should be redacted; and,

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Enacted (2): That Only UIN, state of residence (identified as in-state, out-of-state, or international), high school attended, and academic information should be used for identification of an applicant before acceptance; and,

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Enacted (3): That these changes should be implemented on or before August 1, 2013; and,

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Enacted (4): That a copy of this legislation should be sent to the following within 5 days of passage:

- Dr. Scott McDonald
- Vanessa Heidick
- Dr. R. Bowen Loftin