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H.B. No. 885

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the requirements for a junior college district to  
3 receive approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board  
4 to offer baccalaureate degree programs.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 130.307, Education Code, is amended by  
7 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as  
8 follows:

9 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (b-1), a [A] public  
10 junior college may offer a baccalaureate degree program under this  
11 subchapter only if its junior college district:

12 (1) had a taxable property valuation amount of not  
13 less than \$6 billion in the preceding year; and

14 (2) received a positive assessment of the overall  
15 financial health of the district as reported by the coordinating  
16 board.

17 (b-1) The requirement of Subsection (b)(1) does not apply to  
18 a nursing degree program offered by Navarro College and approved  
19 under Section 130.308.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.