

AN ACT

relating to the requirements for a junior college district to receive approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to offer baccalaureate degree programs.

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

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

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

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

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

(b-1) The requirement of Subsection (b)(1) does not apply to a public junior college for the purpose of offering a baccalaureate degree program in nursing approved under Section 130.308 if its junior college district:

(1) has a taxable property valuation amount of not less than \$4 billion in the preceding year; and

(2) does not have a four-year institution of higher education located in a county in which the district is located.

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 885 was passed by the House on April 13, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 885 on May 28, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 885 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 3.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor