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H.B. No. 1058

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to Mexican-American studies programs and course work at certain public junior colleges.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 130, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 130.0102 to read as follows:

Sec. 130.0102. MEXICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM OR COURSE WORK. The governing board of a public junior college district located in one or more counties with a substantial and growing Mexican-American population shall evaluate the demand for and feasibility of establishing a Mexican-American studies program or other course work in Mexican-American studies at one or more junior colleges in the district. With approval of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the governing board may establish a Mexican-American studies program or other course work in Mexican-American studies at any of those colleges if the governing board determines that such a program or course work is desirable and feasible.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

