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H.B. No. 1748

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to African American studies programs and course work at
3 certain public junior colleges.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 130, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 130.0103 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 130.0103. AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM OR COURSE
8 WORK. The governing board of a public junior college district
9 located in one or more counties with a substantial African American
10 population shall evaluate the demand for and feasibility of
11 establishing an African American studies program or other course
12 work in African American studies at one or more junior colleges in
13 the district. With approval of the Texas Higher Education
14 Coordinating Board, the governing board may establish an African
15 American studies program or other course work in African American
16 studies at any of those colleges if the governing board determines
17 that such a program or course work is desirable and feasible.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.