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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.