

1-1 By: Flores, Guillen, Bonnen H.B. No. 2198
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Janek)
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 18, 2007;
1-4 April 19, 2007, read first time and referred to Subcommittee on
1-5 Higher Education; May 21, 2007, reported favorably, as amended,
1-6 from Committee on Education by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0;
1-7 May 21, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 1 By: Janek, Patrick

1-9 Amend House Bill No. 2198 as follows:

1-10 (1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, Section 130.0012, Education
1-11 Code, subsection (b) line 48, between "programs" and "and", insert
1-12 "." and strike "and shall authorize baccalaureate degree programs
1-13 at an additional public junior college if the coordinating board
1-14 determines that it is in the best interest of this state for that
1-15 public junior college to offer those degree program after
1-16 considering the criteria established by the coordinating board
1-17 under Subsection (e)"

1-18 (2) In SECTION 1 of the bill, beginning on page 2, line 3,
1-19 between "determining" and page 2, line 4 "what", strike "whether a
1-20 public junior college may offer baccalaureate degree programs and".

1-21 (3) In SECTION 1 of the bill, beginning on page 2, line 51,
1-22 strike "(i) The".

1-23 (4) In SECTION 1 of the bill, beginning on page 2, line 52,
1-24 strike "coordinating board shall establish an application process
1-25 to select additional public junior colleges that will be authorized
1-26 to offer baccalaureate degree programs under this section".

1-27 (5) Beginning on page 3, line 16, strike SECTION 2 entirely,
1-28 and renumber subsequent sections accordingly.

1-29 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-30 AN ACT

1-31 relating to authorizing certain public junior colleges to offer
1-32 baccalaureate degree programs.

1-33 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-34 SECTION 1. Section 130.0012, Education Code, is amended to
1-35 read as follows:

1-36 Sec. 130.0012. [~~PILOT PROJECT.~~] BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
1-37 PROGRAMS. (a) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
1-38 authorize [~~establish a pilot project to examine the feasibility and~~
1-39 ~~effectiveness of authorizing~~] public junior colleges to offer
1-40 baccalaureate degree programs in the fields of applied science and
1-41 applied technology under this section. Offering a baccalaureate
1-42 degree program under this section [~~Participation in the pilot~~
1-43 ~~project~~] does not otherwise alter the role and mission of a public
1-44 junior college.

1-45 (b) The coordinating board shall authorize baccalaureate
1-46 degree programs [~~operate the pilot project~~] at each [~~three~~] public
1-47 junior college that previously participated in a pilot project to
1-48 offer baccalaureate degree programs and shall authorize
1-49 baccalaureate degree programs at an additional public junior
1-50 college if the coordinating board determines that it is in the best
1-51 interest of this state for that public junior college to offer those
1-52 degree programs after considering the criteria established by the
1-53 coordinating board under Subsection (e) [~~colleges, as determined by~~
1-54 ~~the coordinating board~~].

1-55 (c) A public junior college offering a baccalaureate degree
1-56 program under this section [~~participating in the pilot project~~]
1-57 must meet all applicable accreditation requirements of the
1-58 Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and
1-59 Schools.

1-60 (d) A public junior college offering a baccalaureate degree
1-61 program under this section [~~participating in the pilot project~~]
1-62 may not offer more than five baccalaureate degree programs [~~under the~~

2-1 ~~project]~~ at any time. The degree programs are subject to the
 2-2 continuing approval of the coordinating board.

2-3 (e) In determining whether a public junior college may offer
 2-4 baccalaureate degree programs and what baccalaureate degree
 2-5 programs are to be offered, [the junior college and] the
 2-6 coordinating board shall consider:

2-7 (1) the need for the degree programs in the region
 2-8 served by the junior college;

2-9 (2) how those degree programs would complement the
 2-10 other programs and course offerings of the junior college;

2-11 (3) whether those degree programs would unnecessarily
 2-12 duplicate the degree programs offered by other institutions of
 2-13 higher education; and

2-14 (4) the ability of the junior college to support the
 2-15 program and the adequacy of the junior college's facilities,
 2-16 faculty, administration, libraries, and other resources.

2-17 (f) ~~[(e)]~~ Each public junior college that offers a
 2-18 baccalaureate degree program under this section ~~[the pilot project]~~
 2-19 must enter into an articulation agreement with one or more general
 2-20 academic teaching institutions to ensure that students enrolled in
 2-21 the degree program have an opportunity to complete the degree if the
 2-22 public junior college ceases to offer the degree program. The
 2-23 coordinating board may require a general academic teaching
 2-24 institution that offers a comparable degree program to enter into
 2-25 an articulation agreement with the public junior college as
 2-26 provided by this subsection.

2-27 (g) ~~[(f)]~~ In its recommendations to the legislature
 2-28 relating to state funding for public junior colleges, the
 2-29 coordinating board shall recommend that a public junior college
 2-30 receive substantially the same state support for junior-level and
 2-31 senior-level courses offered under this section ~~[the pilot project]~~
 2-32 as that provided to a general academic teaching institution for
 2-33 substantially similar courses. In determining the contact hours
 2-34 attributable to students enrolled in a junior-level or senior-level
 2-35 course offered under this section ~~[the pilot project]~~ used to
 2-36 determine a public junior college's proportionate share of state
 2-37 appropriations under Section 130.003, the coordinating board shall
 2-38 weigh those contact hours as necessary to provide the junior
 2-39 college the appropriate level of state support to the extent state
 2-40 funds for those courses are included in the appropriations. This
 2-41 subsection does not prohibit the legislature from directly
 2-42 appropriating state funds to support junior-level and senior-level
 2-43 courses offered under this section ~~[the pilot project]~~.

2-44 (h) ~~[(g)]~~ Each public junior college offering a
 2-45 baccalaureate degree program under this section ~~[participating in~~
 2-46 ~~the pilot project]~~ shall prepare a biennial report on the operation
 2-47 and effectiveness of the junior college's baccalaureate degree
 2-48 programs ~~[offered under the project]~~ and shall deliver a copy of the
 2-49 report to the coordinating board in the form and at the time
 2-50 determined by the coordinating board.

2-51 (i) The ~~[(h) Not later than January 1, 2009, the]~~
 2-52 coordinating board shall establish an application process to select
 2-53 additional public junior colleges that will be authorized to offer
 2-54 baccalaureate degree programs under this section ~~[prepare a~~
 2-55 ~~progress report on the pilot project. Not later than January 1,~~
 2-56 ~~2011, the coordinating board shall prepare a report on the~~
 2-57 ~~effectiveness of the pilot project, including any recommendations~~
 2-58 ~~for legislative action regarding the offering of baccalaureate~~
 2-59 ~~degree programs by public junior colleges. The coordinating board~~
 2-60 ~~shall deliver a copy of each report to the governor, the lieutenant~~
 2-61 ~~governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the~~
 2-62 ~~chair of the standing committee of each house of the legislature~~
 2-63 ~~with primary jurisdiction over higher education].~~

2-64 ~~[(i) Unless the authority to continue offering the~~
 2-65 ~~baccalaureate degree programs is continued by the legislature, a~~
 2-66 ~~public junior college may not:~~

2-67 ~~[(1) enroll a new student in a baccalaureate degree~~
 2-68 ~~program under the pilot project after the 2011 fall semester,~~

2-69 ~~[(2) offer junior-level or senior-level courses for~~

3-1 ~~those degree programs after the 2015 fall semester, unless the~~
3-2 ~~coordinating board authorizes the college to offer those courses,~~
3-3 ~~or~~

3-4 ~~[(3) award a baccalaureate degree under the pilot~~
3-5 ~~project after the 2015 fall semester, unless the coordinating board~~
3-6 ~~approves the awarding of the degree.]~~

3-7 (j) The coordinating board shall prescribe procedures to
3-8 ensure that each public junior college that offers a degree program
3-9 under this section ~~[the pilot project]~~ informs each student who
3-10 enrolls in the degree program of ~~[-~~

3-11 ~~[(1) the nature of the pilot project, including the~~
3-12 ~~limited duration of the project, and~~

3-13 ~~[(2)]~~ the articulation agreement entered into under
3-14 Subsection (f) ~~[(e)]~~ for the student's degree program.

3-15 ~~[(k) This section expires January 1, 2020.]~~

3-16 SECTION 2. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
3-17 shall establish the application process required by Section
3-18 130.0012(i), Education Code, as added by this Act, not later than
3-19 January 1, 2009.

3-20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3-21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3-22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3-23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3-24 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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