

1-1 By: Rios Ybarra, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Lucio) H.B. No. 1325
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2009;
1-3 May 1, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher
1-4 Education; May 22, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 22, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the degrees awarded by the Texas State Technical
1-9 College System.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 135.011, Education Code, is amended to
1-12 read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 135.011. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter [~~section~~]:

1-14 (1) "Board" means the board of regents of the Texas
1-15 State Technical College System.

1-16 (2) "Coordinating board" means the Texas Higher
1-17 Education Coordinating Board.

1-18 (3) "System" means the Texas State Technical College
1-19 System.

1-20 (4) "Faculty research" means research using the
1-21 system's facilities and equipment that is:

1-22 (A) consistent with the system's mission; and

1-23 (B) funded by private sources, competitively
1-24 acquired sources, or appropriated public funding.

1-25 (5) "Campus" means a residential unit of the system
1-26 that grants associate degrees and certificates.

1-27 (6) "Extension center" means a site, operating under
1-28 the administration of a campus, that has an extension program.

1-29 (7) "Extension program" includes credit and noncredit
1-30 instruction in technical-vocational education.

1-31 SECTION 2. Section 135.51, Education Code, is amended to
1-32 read as follows:

1-33 Sec. 135.51. CERTIFICATES, DIPLOMAS, AND ASSOCIATE
1-34 DEGREES. (a) The board shall prescribe and award associate of
1-35 applied science degrees, certificates, and diplomas limited to
1-36 those appropriate to technical education.

1-37 (b) The board may offer and award an associate of science
1-38 degree in a field of study at Texas State Technical
1-39 College--Harlingen campus if the coordinating board determines
1-40 that the degree in that field of study:

1-41 (1) is appropriate to the role and mission of the
1-42 system; and

1-43 (2) meets the educational or workforce needs of the
1-44 region in which the campus is located.

1-45 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-46 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-47 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-48 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-49 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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