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H.B. No. 2518

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2518:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to authorization by the Texas Higher Education  
3 Coordinating Board for certain public junior colleges to offer  
4 baccalaureate degree programs.

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

6 SECTION 1. Sections 130.0012(a) and (b), Education Code,  
7 are amended to read as follows:

8 (a) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall  
9 authorize a public junior college [~~colleges~~] to offer a  
10 baccalaureate degree program that qualifies under Subsection (e)  
11 if:

12 (1) the program is [~~programs~~] in the field [~~fields~~] of  
13 applied science or [~~and~~] applied technology; or

14 (2) the public junior college previously participated  
15 in a pilot project to offer baccalaureate degree programs [~~under~~  
16 ~~this section. Offering a baccalaureate degree program under this~~  
17 ~~section does not otherwise alter the role and mission of a public~~  
18 ~~junior college].~~

19 (b) Offering a baccalaureate degree program under this  
20 section does not otherwise alter the role and mission of a public  
21 junior college. [~~The coordinating board shall authorize~~  
22 ~~baccalaureate degree programs at each public junior college that~~  
23 ~~previously participated in a pilot project to offer baccalaureate~~  
24 ~~degree programs.]~~

1           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.