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H.B. No. 2518

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. Section 130.0012(b), Education Code, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 (b) The coordinating board shall authorize baccalaureate  
9 degree programs at:

10 (1) each public junior college that previously  
11 participated in a pilot project to offer baccalaureate degree  
12 programs; and

13 (2) one or more public junior colleges in a junior  
14 college district that offers a degree program in fire science.

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