

1-1 By: Lucio S.B. No. 2189  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2009; March 31, 2009, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;  
1-4 April 20, 2009, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; April 20, 2009,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2189 By: Patrick

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the degrees awarded by the Texas State Technical  
1-11 College System.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 135.011, Education Code, is amended to  
1-14 read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 135.011. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter [~~section~~]:

1-16 (1) "Board" means the board of regents of the Texas  
1-17 State Technical College System.

1-18 (2) "Coordinating board" means the Texas Higher  
1-19 Education Coordinating Board.

1-20 (3) "System" means the Texas State Technical College  
1-21 System.

1-22 (4) "Faculty research" means research using the  
1-23 system's facilities and equipment that is:

1-24 (A) consistent with the system's mission; and

1-25 (B) funded by private sources, competitively  
1-26 acquired sources, or appropriated public funding.

1-27 (5) "Campus" means a residential unit of the system  
1-28 that grants associate degrees and certificates.

1-29 (6) "Extension center" means a site, operating under  
1-30 the administration of a campus, that has an extension program.

1-31 (7) "Extension program" includes credit and noncredit  
1-32 instruction in technical-vocational education.

1-33 SECTION 2. Section 135.51, Education Code, is amended to  
1-34 read as follows:

1-35 Sec. 135.51. CERTIFICATES, DIPLOMAS, AND ASSOCIATE  
1-36 DEGREES. (a) The board shall prescribe and award associate of  
1-37 applied science degrees, certificates, and diplomas limited to  
1-38 those appropriate to technical education.

1-39 (b) The board may offer and award an associate of science  
1-40 degree in a field of study at Texas State Technical  
1-41 College--Harlingen campus if the coordinating board determines  
1-42 that the degree in that field of study:

1-43 (1) is appropriate to the role and mission of the  
1-44 system; and

1-45 (2) meets the educational or workforce needs of the  
1-46 region in which the campus is located.

1-47 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-48 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-49 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-50 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-51 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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