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H.B. No. 1508

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authorizing certain public junior colleges to offer a baccalaureate degree in nursing.

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

SECTION 1. Section 130.0012, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (d) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall authorize:

(1) public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs in the fields of applied science and applied technology under this section; and

(2) one public junior college to offer a baccalaureate degree program in the field of nursing under this section if the public junior college has not more than three campuses located in a county with a population greater than 3.3 million at the time the degree is initially offered.

(a-1) Offering a baccalaureate degree program under this section does not otherwise alter the role and mission of a public junior college.

(d) A public junior college offering a baccalaureate degree program in the fields of applied science and applied technology under this section may not offer more than five baccalaureate degree programs at any time. The degree programs are subject to the

1 continuing approval of the coordinating board.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.