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H.B. No. 813

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 that offer a
14 degree program in the field of nursing if the public junior college
15 is located in a county with a population greater than 3.3 million at
16 the time the degree is initially offered.

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.