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H.B. No. 1484

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, at the time the degree is  
15 initially offered, the public junior college is located in a  
16 county:

17 (A) with a population greater than 750,000; and

18 (B) in which no public four-year institution of  
19 higher education is located.

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