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H.B. No. 1974

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to certain duties of public junior colleges and the Texas  
3 Higher Education Coordinating Board in relation to baccalaureate  
4 degree programs offered by public junior colleges.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 130.0012(f), Education Code, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 (f) Each public junior college that offers a baccalaureate  
9 degree program under this section must enter into an articulation  
10 agreement for the first five years of the program with one or more  
11 general academic teaching institutions to ensure that students  
12 enrolled in the degree program have an opportunity to complete the  
13 degree if the public junior college ceases to offer the degree  
14 program. The coordinating board may require a general academic  
15 teaching institution that offers a comparable degree program to  
16 enter into an articulation agreement with the public junior college  
17 as provided by this subsection.

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