

1-1 By: Ellis, Huffman S.B. No. 414
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 7, 2013; February 13, 2013,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;
 1-4 May 6, 2013, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 6, 2013,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9			X	
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12			X	
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 414 By: Zaffirini

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a study and report regarding authorizing certain public
 1-20 junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs to address
 1-21 regional workforce needs.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 130, Education Code, is
 1-24 amended by adding Section 130.0013 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 130.0013. STUDY AND REPORT; BACCALAUREATE DEGREE
 1-26 PROGRAMS AUTHORITY. (a) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating
 1-27 Board shall conduct a study of regional workforce needs in this
 1-28 state to determine the regions of the state that would benefit from
 1-29 the authorization of baccalaureate degree programs at public junior
 1-30 colleges serving the region and appropriate metrics for determining
 1-31 whether a public junior college should offer those degree programs.
 1-32 In conducting its study, the coordinating board shall consult with
 1-33 at least one representative of each of the following:

- 1-34 (1) four-year institutions of higher education;
- 1-35 (2) two-year institutions of higher education;
- 1-36 (3) regional businesses;
- 1-37 (4) professional associations; and
- 1-38 (5) any other entity the commissioner of higher
 1-39 education considers appropriate.

1-40 (b) In conducting its study under this section, the
 1-41 coordinating board shall consider the following factors in regard
 1-42 to a public junior college:

- 1-43 (1) the need for the baccalaureate degree program in
 1-44 the region served by the public junior college;
- 1-45 (2) how the degree program would complement or
 1-46 conflict with the other programs and course offerings of the public
 1-47 junior college;
- 1-48 (3) whether the degree program would unnecessarily
 1-49 duplicate a degree program offered by other institutions of higher
 1-50 education;
- 1-51 (4) whether an institution of higher education located
 1-52 in the same region as the public junior college has the capacity to
 1-53 offer the degree program;
- 1-54 (5) the ability of the public junior college to
 1-55 support the degree program, including the adequacy of the public
 1-56 junior college's facilities, faculty, administration, libraries,
 1-57 and other resources;
- 1-58 (6) the feasibility of the public junior college
 1-59 offering the degree program in collaboration with a general
 1-60 academic teaching institution under an articulation agreement;

2-1 (7) the cost of the degree program to students
2-2 enrolled in the program;

2-3 (8) the availability and method of state funding to
2-4 support the degree program;

2-5 (9) the current licensure and accreditation standards
2-6 under which the public junior college operates and the processes
2-7 necessary to offer a baccalaureate degree program; and

2-8 (10) any other metric the coordinating board considers
2-9 relevant.

2-10 (c) Not later than June 1, 2014, the coordinating board
2-11 shall submit to each legislative standing committee with primary
2-12 jurisdiction over higher education the results of its study under
2-13 this section and recommendations for legislative or other action.

2-14 (d) This section expires September 1, 2015.

2-15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-19 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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