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H.B. No. 935

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating  
3 Board of baccalaureate degree programs offered by public junior  
4 colleges.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 130.0012, Education Code, is amended by  
7 amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsection (k) to read as  
8 follows:

9 (e) In determining what baccalaureate degree programs are  
10 to be offered, the coordinating board shall:

11 (1) apply the same criteria and standards the  
12 coordinating board uses to approve baccalaureate degree programs at  
13 general academic teaching institutions; and

14 (2) consider the following factors:

15 (A) [~~(1)~~] the need for the degree programs in the  
16 region served by the junior college;

17 (B) [~~(2)~~] how those degree programs would  
18 complement the other programs and course offerings of the junior  
19 college;

20 (C) [~~(3)~~] whether those degree programs would  
21 unnecessarily duplicate the degree programs offered by other  
22 institutions of higher education; and

23 (D) [~~(4)~~] the ability of the junior college to  
24 support the program and the adequacy of the junior college's

1 facilities, faculty, administration, libraries, and other  
2 resources.

3 (k) In this section, "general academic teaching  
4 institution" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.