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H.B. No. 1384

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1384:

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C.S.H.B. No. 1384

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, Education Code, is amended by
7 amending Subsections (a), (b), (d), (e), (g), and (h) and adding
8 Subsections (g-1), (k), and (l) to read as follows:

9 (a) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board may
10 [~~shall~~] authorize public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate
11 degree programs in the fields of applied science, [~~and~~] applied
12 technology, and nursing under this section. Offering a
13 baccalaureate degree program under this section does not otherwise
14 alter the role and mission of a public junior college.

15 (b) The coordinating board:

16 (1) shall authorize baccalaureate degree programs at
17 each public junior college that previously participated in a pilot
18 project to offer baccalaureate degree programs; and

19 (2) may authorize baccalaureate degree programs at one
20 or more public junior colleges that offer a degree program in the
21 field of nursing and have demonstrated a workforce need.

22 (d) Baccalaureate degree programs offered [~~A public junior~~
23 ~~college offering a baccalaureate degree program]~~ under this section
24 [~~may not offer more than five baccalaureate degree programs at any~~

1 ~~time. The degree programs~~ are subject to the continuing approval
2 of the coordinating board.

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

5 (1) apply the same criteria and standards the
6 coordinating board uses to approve baccalaureate degree programs at
7 general academic teaching institutions; and

8 (2) consider the following factors:

9 (A) [~~1~~] the workforce need for the degree
10 programs in the region served by the junior college;

11 (B) [~~2~~] how those degree programs would
12 complement the other programs and course offerings of the junior
13 college and whether the associate degree program offered by the
14 junior college in the same field has been successful;

15 (C) [~~3~~] whether those degree programs would
16 unnecessarily duplicate the degree programs offered by other
17 institutions of higher education or whether a partnership with
18 other institutions of higher education is possible; ~~and~~

19 (D) [~~4~~] the ability of the junior college to
20 support the program with student enrollment and the adequacy of the
21 junior college's facilities, faculty, administration, libraries,
22 and other resources; and

23 (E) whether the junior college meets the taxable
24 property valuation amount established in Section [130.032](#).

25 (g) Except as provided by Subsection (g-1), in ~~its~~
26 recommendations to the legislature relating to state funding for
27 public junior colleges, the coordinating board shall recommend that

1 a public junior college receive substantially the same state
2 support for junior-level and senior-level courses offered under
3 this section as that provided to a general academic teaching
4 institution for substantially similar courses. In determining the
5 contact hours attributable to students enrolled in a junior-level
6 or senior-level course offered under this section used to determine
7 a public junior college's proportionate share of state
8 appropriations under Section 130.003, the coordinating board shall
9 weigh those contact hours as necessary to provide the junior
10 college the appropriate level of state support to the extent state
11 funds for those courses are included in the appropriations. This
12 subsection does not prohibit the legislature from directly
13 appropriating state funds to support junior-level and senior-level
14 courses offered under this section.

15 (g-1) For the first two years in which a degree program
16 created under Subsection (b)(2) is offered, the degree program may
17 be funded solely by a public junior college's proportionate share
18 of state appropriations under Section 130.003, local funds, and
19 private sources. This subsection does not require the legislature
20 to appropriate state funds to support a degree program created
21 under Subsection (b)(2) for the first two years in which the degree
22 program is offered. For the third, fourth, and fifth years in which
23 a degree program created under Subsection (b)(2) is offered, state
24 appropriations under Section 130.003 for the degree program may not
25 provide more than 50 percent of the total amount of funds required
26 to support the degree program.

27 (h) Each biennium, each ~~[Each]~~ public junior college

1 offering a baccalaureate degree program under this section shall
2 conduct a review of each baccalaureate degree program offered and
3 prepare a [~~biennial~~] report on the operation, quality, and
4 effectiveness of those [~~the junior college's baccalaureate~~] degree
5 programs. A [~~and shall deliver a~~] copy of the report shall be
6 delivered to the coordinating board in the form and at the time
7 determined by the coordinating board.

8 (k) The coordinating board shall adopt rules as necessary
9 for the administration of this section.

10 (l) In this section, "general academic teaching
11 institution" and "institution of higher education" have the
12 meanings assigned by Section 61.003.

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