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H.B. No. 3521

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the establishment of limited purpose public junior  
3 college districts by certain independent school districts.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 130.011, Education Code, is amended by  
6 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

7 (c) An independent school district located in a county with  
8 a population of less than 45,000 that does not meet the scholastic  
9 population requirements of Section 130.032 may establish a limited  
10 purpose junior college district under this subchapter to meet the  
11 career and technical interests of students and employers in the  
12 district. A limited purpose junior college district is not  
13 required to provide the programs described by Section  
14 130.003(e)(4), (5), or (8).

15 SECTION 2. Section 130.017, Education Code, is amended by  
16 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

17 (e) For a limited purpose junior college district  
18 established under Section 130.011(c), the proposition described by  
19 Subsection (b) must provide that the junior college district may  
20 not levy ad valorem taxes at a rate that, when combined with the  
21 rate charged by the independent school district, exceeds the rate  
22 charged by the independent school district before the board of  
23 trustees divested its authority as governing board of the junior  
24 college district.

1           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.