

SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Clardy, Schaefer

H.B. No. 3348

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) and (b) and adding Subsections (k) and (l)
8 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 dental hygiene 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 shall authorize baccalaureate
16 degree programs at:

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

20 (2) one or more public junior colleges that offer a
21 degree program in the field of dental hygiene if, at the time the
22 degree is initially offered, the public junior college:

23 (A) has a main campus located in the county seat
24 of a county with a population greater than 200,000; and

1 (B) includes territory in at least six public
2 school districts located in two counties.

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

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

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

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Secretary of the Senate

By: *Elbert*

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Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3348:

By: *John Mendoza*

C.S. H.B. No. 3348

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6 SECTION 1. Section 130.0012, Education Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsections (b-1), (b-2), (b-3), (k), and (l) to read as
8 follows:

9 (b-1) The coordinating board shall establish a pilot
10 project to examine the feasibility and effectiveness of authorizing
11 baccalaureate degree programs in the field of dental hygiene at a
12 public junior college that offers a degree program in that field,
13 has a main campus located in the county seat of a county with a
14 population greater than 200,000, and includes territory in at least
15 six public school districts located in two counties. Subsection (g)
16 does not apply to junior-level and senior-level courses offered
17 under this subsection. In its recommendations to the legislature
18 relating to state funding for public junior colleges, the
19 coordinating board shall recommend that junior-level and
20 senior-level courses offered under this subsection by a public
21 junior college receive the same state support as other courses
22 offered by the public junior college.

23 (b-2) Not later than January 1, 2017, the coordinating board
24 shall prepare a progress report on the pilot project established

1 under Subsection (b-1). Not later than January 1, 2019, the
2 coordinating board shall prepare a report on the effectiveness of
3 the pilot project, including any recommendations for legislative
4 action regarding the offering of baccalaureate degree programs in
5 the field of dental hygiene by a public junior college. The
6 coordinating board shall deliver a copy of each report to the
7 governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of
8 representatives, and the chair of the standing committee of each
9 house of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over higher
10 education. Unless the authority to continue offering a
11 baccalaureate degree program in the field of dental hygiene is
12 continued by the legislature, a public junior college may not:

13 (1) enroll a new student in a baccalaureate degree
14 program under the pilot project after the 2019 fall semester;

15 (2) offer junior-level or senior-level courses for
16 those degree programs after the 2021 fall semester, unless the
17 coordinating board authorizes the college to offer those courses;
18 or

19 (3) award a baccalaureate degree under the pilot
20 project after the 2021 fall semester, unless the coordinating board
21 approves the awarding of the degree.

22 (b-3) This subsection and Subsections (b-1) and (b-2)
23 expire on the first June 15 following the first regular legislative
24 session that occurs after the fourth anniversary of the date a
25 public junior college offering a degree program in the field of
26 dental hygiene under Subsection (b-1) meets the accreditation
27 requirements of Subsection (c).

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 26, 2015

TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3348 by Clardy (Relating to authorization by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for certain public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Education Code to require the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to establish a pilot project to examine the feasibility and effectiveness of authorizing baccalaureate degree programs in the field of dental hygiene at a public junior college that satisfies the criteria included in the provisions of the bill.

It is assumed that there would be a cost to General Revenue from increased formula funding to a public junior college that offered a baccalaureate degree program under the provisions of the bill due to additional students enrolling in the program generating additional contact hours. This cost would not be seen until at least fiscal year 2018, as formula funding is provided to institutions based on student data prior to the biennium to be funded. This analysis assumes the increase in formula funding would not be significant.

Based on information provided by THECB, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

Based on information provided by a sample of community colleges, the establishment of an additional baccalaureate degree program for an eligible community college under the provisions of the bill could result in a significant fiscal impact for that community college to cover start-up and operating costs. Such costs could include, but are not limited to, securing proper regional accreditation, upgrading facilities and libraries to accommodate upper division coursework, and costs associated with faculty salary and workload. This analysis assumes these costs would be paid for out of institutional funds, partially offset by any state appropriations from formula funding.

Source Agencies: 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 758 Texas State University System, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 769 University of North Texas System Administration, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 783 University of Houston System

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 21, 2015

TO: Honorable Kel Seliger, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB3348** by Clardy (Relating to authorization by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for certain public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would allow the Higher Education Coordinating Board to authorize certain public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs in dental hygiene.

It is assumed that there would be a cost to General Revenue from increased formula funding to any public junior college that offered a baccalaureate degree program under the provisions of the bill due to additional students enrolling in the program generating additional contact hours. This cost would not be seen until at least fiscal year 2018, as formula funding is provided to institutions based on student data prior to the biennium to be funded. The amount of additional formula funding would depend on the number of programs offered and the level of enrollment in those programs. This analysis assumes the increase in formula funding would not be significant.

Based on information provided by institutions of higher education, there could be a decrease in formula funding and tuition and fee revenue at certain institutions resulting from students who choose to enroll in dental hygiene programs at public junior colleges instead of at general academic or health related institutions. However, this decrease is not assumed to be significant.

Local Government Impact

Based on information provided by a sample of community colleges, the establishment of additional baccalaureate degree programs for eligible community colleges under the provisions of the bill could result in a significant fiscal impact for those community colleges to cover start-up and operating costs. Such costs include, but are not limited to, securing proper regional accreditation, upgrading facilities and libraries to accommodate upper division coursework, and costs associated with faculty salary and workload. This analysis assumes these costs would be paid for out of institutional funds, partially offset by any state appropriations from formula funding.

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April 21, 2015

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FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

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