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H.B. No. 1563

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the authority of the Texas State Technical College
3 System to offer technical-vocational courses or programs.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 135.01, Education Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read as
7 follows:

8 (c) In developing and offering highly specialized technical
9 programs with related supportive coursework, primary consideration
10 shall be placed on industrial and technological manpower needs of
11 the state.

12 (d) The authority of the Texas State Technical College
13 System to create a technical-vocational course of study or
14 technical-vocational certificate or degree program under this
15 section is not subject to Section 61.0512 [~~The emphasis of each~~
16 ~~Texas State Technical College System campus shall be on advanced or~~
17 ~~emerging technical programs not commonly offered by public junior~~
18 ~~colleges].~~

19 SECTION 2. Section 135.02(b), Education Code, is amended to
20 read as follows:

21 (b) The system may operate an extension center created after
22 September 1, 1991, in a city or county if:

23 (1) [~~the coordinating board has given prior approval~~
24 ~~to the extension center, after considering the role and mission of~~

1 ~~the system, the needs of this state and of the community involved,~~
2 ~~the actions of the legislature, if any, and the efficient and~~
3 ~~effective use of the state's educational resources for the economic~~
4 ~~development of this state;~~

5 ~~(2)~~ a political subdivision of this state provides
6 and maintains appropriate equipment and facilities for the delivery
7 of technical-vocational education, including maintenance and
8 utilities; and

9 (2) ~~(3)~~ funding for the extension center is approved
10 by specific legislative Act.

11 SECTION 3. Section [135.04](#), Education Code, is repealed.

12 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.