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S.B. No. 834

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to state funding for baccalaureate degree programs offered at certain public junior colleges.

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

SECTION 1. Section 130.0012(b-1), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b-1) The coordinating board shall authorize ~~[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 offers a degree program in that field, has a main campus located in the county seat of a county with a population greater than 200,000, and includes territory in at least six public school districts located in two counties. Subsection (g) applies ~~[does not apply]~~ to junior-level and senior-level courses offered under this subsection. ~~[In its recommendations to the legislature relating to state funding for public junior colleges, the coordinating board shall recommend that junior-level and senior-level courses offered under this subsection by a public junior college receive the same state support as other courses offered by the public junior college.]~~

SECTION 2. Sections 130.0012(b-2) and (b-3), Education Code, are repealed.

SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act to Section 130.0012(b-1), Education Code, apply beginning with funding

1 recommendations made under Section [130.0012](#), Education Code, for
2 the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2017.

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