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H.B. No. 3048

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the approval of certain degree programs by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

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

SECTION 1. Section 61.0512(h), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(h) In approving ~~[a degree or certificate program under this section, the board:~~

~~[(1) for a doctoral program, may not consider undergraduate graduation or persistence rates; and~~

~~[(2) for]~~ a baccalaureate degree program proposed to be offered by a public junior college previously authorized by the board to offer baccalaureate degree programs under a pilot project described by Section 130.303(a), as added by Chapter 766 (S.B. 2118), Acts of the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, the board [130.0012]:

(1) ~~[(A)]~~ shall approve the degree program within 60 days after the date the board receives notice of the degree program if the degree program:

(A) ~~[(i)]~~ is approved by the governing board of the junior college district; and

(B) ~~[(ii)]~~ is not an engineering program; and

(2) ~~[(B)]~~ is considered to have approved the degree program after the date described by Subdivision (1) ~~[Paragraph (A)]~~

1 if the conditions of that subdivision [~~paragraph~~] are satisfied.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.