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H.B. No. 4165

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 130.306, Education Code, is amended by
7 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read
8 as follows:

9 (b) Except as otherwise provided by this section
10 [~~Subsection (a)~~], a public junior college offering a baccalaureate
11 degree program under this subchapter may not offer more than three
12 baccalaureate degree programs at any time.

13 (d) A public junior college offering a baccalaureate degree
14 program under this subchapter that is located in a county with a
15 population of more than 1,700,000 based on United States Census
16 2010 data and that is located within 180 miles of the Texas-Mexico
17 border may not offer more than five baccalaureate degree programs
18 at any time.

19 (e) At any time, South Texas College may not offer more than
20 six baccalaureate degree programs under this subchapter.

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

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.