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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the name of the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the
3 Deaf.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 131, Education Code, is amended to read
6 as follows:

7 CHAPTER 131. SOUTHWEST COLLEGE [~~COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE~~] FOR THE DEAF

8 Sec. 131.001. SOUTHWEST COLLEGE [~~COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE~~] FOR
9 THE DEAF. The Southwest College [~~Collegiate Institute~~] for the
10 Deaf is a postsecondary educational institution providing
11 instruction for hearing-impaired students preparing for a career or
12 for enrollment in a senior college or university.

13 Sec. 131.002. ADMINISTRATION. (a) The college
14 [~~institute~~] is under the direct control and management of the board
15 of trustees of the Howard Junior College District.

16 (b) The college [~~institute~~] and its programs shall be
17 administered by personnel who are trained and qualified to work
18 with hearing-impaired students and are fluent in manual
19 communication skills.

20 Sec. 131.003. LOCATION. The college [~~institute~~] is located
21 on land deeded to the governing board by the federal Department of
22 Education for the purpose of operating the college [~~institute~~].
23 The governing board may not conduct regular junior college programs
24 for students with unimpaired hearing on the college [~~institute~~]

1 campus except as an integral part of the program offered to
2 hearing-impaired students when:

3 (1) it is educationally appropriate to enroll hearing
4 students in classes for the hearing-impaired; or

5 (2) special programs are needed to train hearing and
6 hearing-impaired persons to become professional service providers
7 for the deaf.

8 Sec. 131.004. COURSES, PROGRAMS, AND SERVICES. (a) The
9 college [~~institute~~] shall offer, but is not limited to offering,
10 the following courses, programs, and services for hearing-impaired
11 post-secondary students:

12 (1) learning development services, including academic
13 counseling, tutorial services, reading instruction, services to
14 counter learning disabilities, and library-related services;

15 (2) communications services, including interpreters
16 for academic and nonacademic functions, speech therapy, and
17 auditory evaluation and training;

18 (3) academic college preparatory courses;

19 (4) career analysis services designed to assist each
20 student in identifying a career interest, considering the student's
21 aptitudes, abilities, and skills;

22 (5) regular college courses, including vocational and
23 technical education and liberal arts courses;

24 (6) extracurricular activities, including intramural
25 athletics; and

26 (7) postgraduation services, including job placement
27 services and services designed to orient employers to

1 hearing-impaired workers.

2 (b) The course work offered by the college [~~institute~~] shall
3 emphasize self-contained classrooms with instruction conducted by
4 instructors who are trained and qualified to work with
5 hearing-impaired students and are fluent in manual communication
6 skills. Hearing-impaired students may enroll in integrated classes
7 that are regular classes offered to students with unimpaired
8 hearing enrolled in the junior college.

9 (c) The programs, services, and facilities of the college
10 [~~institute~~] shall be designed to be appropriate to the needs of
11 hearing-impaired students.

12 (d) The executive director shall determine which courses
13 offered by the college [~~institute~~] are appropriate for an
14 electronic display on a screen or terminal, with less than 30
15 seconds delay, of a speaker's spoken message. The college
16 [~~institute~~] shall implement the electronic display in those
17 courses.

18 Sec. 131.005. TUITION. (a) A Texas resident student
19 enrolled in the college [~~institute~~] is exempt from tuition fees
20 under Section 54.364.

21 (b) A student who is not a resident of Texas shall pay
22 tuition at a rate that is the lesser of:

23 (1) the rate provided by this code for a nonresident
24 student enrolled at a general academic teaching institution; or

25 (2) a rate determined by the board of trustees and the
26 Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board[, ~~Texas College and~~
27 ~~University System~~] to be the approximate cost to the college

1 ~~[institute]~~, not including room and board, of educating a student
2 during the academic year beginning the next fall.

3 Sec. 131.006. APPROPRIATIONS; GRANTS. (a) The governing
4 board of the college ~~[institute]~~ may receive appropriations for the
5 college's ~~[institute's]~~ operations only if the board operates the
6 college ~~[institute]~~ in compliance with this chapter.

7 (b) The board may accept gifts, grants, or donations of
8 money or property given to the college ~~[institute]~~ for the
9 college's ~~[institute's]~~ exclusive use in carrying out the purposes
10 of this subchapter.

11 (c) The board may expend appropriated funds for maintenance
12 and operation, including the maintenance and operation of student
13 housing and food service, unless the funds are specifically
14 restricted to another purpose by the appropriation.

15 SECTION 2. Section 51.911(a)(1), Education Code, is amended
16 to read as follows:

17 (1) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning
18 assigned by ~~[Subdivision (7) of]~~ Section 61.003 of this code, but
19 includes the Southwest College ~~[Collegiate Institute]~~ for the Deaf
20 and Texas State Technical College System ~~[Institute]~~.

21 SECTION 3. Section 51.925(b), Education Code, is amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (b) In this section, "institution of higher education" has
24 the meaning assigned by ~~[Subdivision (7) of]~~ Section 61.003 of this
25 code, except that the term includes the Southwest College
26 ~~[Collegiate Institute]~~ for the Deaf and Texas State Technical
27 College System ~~[Institute]~~.

1 SECTION 4. Section 54.364(a)(5), Education Code, is amended
2 to read as follows:

3 (5) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning
4 assigned by Section 61.003, except that the term includes the
5 Southwest College [~~Collegiate Institute~~] for the Deaf.

6 SECTION 5. Section 31.001(8), Natural Resources Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (8) "Institution of higher education" means the Texas
9 State Technical College System, the Southwest College [~~Collegiate
10 Institute~~] for the Deaf, or an institution of higher education,
11 excluding a public junior college, as defined by Section 61.003,
12 Education Code.

13 SECTION 6. (a) The name of the Southwest Collegiate
14 Institute for the Deaf is changed to the Southwest College for the
15 Deaf.

16 (b) A reference in law to the Southwest Collegiate Institute
17 for the Deaf means the Southwest College for the Deaf.

18 (c) An appropriation for the use or benefit of the Southwest
19 Collegiate Institute for the Deaf is available for the use and
20 benefit of the Southwest College for the Deaf.

21 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.