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S.B. No. 828

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
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 [~~institute~~]  
14 is under the direct control and management of the board of trustees  
15 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.