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S.B. No. 1356

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the approval of certain degree programs by the Texas
3 Higher Education Coordinating Board.

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

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

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

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

11 [~~(2) for~~] a baccalaureate degree program proposed to
12 be offered by a public junior college previously authorized by the
13 board to offer baccalaureate degree programs under a pilot project
14 described by Section 130.303(a), as added by Chapter 766 (S.B.
15 2118), Acts of the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, the
16 board [~~130.0012~~]:

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

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

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

23 (2) [~~(B)~~] is considered to have approved the degree
24 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.