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S.B. No. 1680

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the approval of certain private or independent institutions of higher education to participate in the tuition equalization grant program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 61.222, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) The coordinating board shall approve a private or independent institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003 that previously qualified under Subsection (a) but no longer holds the same accreditation as public institutions of higher education. To qualify under this subsection, an institution must be:

(1) accredited by an accreditor recognized by the board;

(2) a work college, as that term is defined by 20 U.S.C. Section 1087-58; and

(3) participating in the federal financial aid program under 20 U.S.C. Section 1070a.

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