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By:  Shaheen H.B. No. 1220

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authorizing the Collin County Community College District to offer a baccalaureate degree program in the field of education.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter L, Chapter 130, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 130.3045 to read as follows:

Sec. 130.3045.  BACCALAUREATE DEGREE IN EDUCATION. (a) The coordinating board shall authorize a baccalaureate degree program in the field of education at the Collin County Community College District.

(b)  The limitation prescribed by Section 130.306 does not apply to a baccalaureate degree program offered under this section.

(c)  Not later than January 1, 2023, the coordinating board shall prepare a progress report on the baccalaureate degree program in the field of education established under this section. Not later than January 1, 2025, the coordinating board shall prepare a report on the effectiveness of the degree program, including any recommendations for legislative action regarding the offering of baccalaureate degree programs in the field of education by a public junior college. The coordinating board shall deliver a copy of each report to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the chair of the standing committee of each house of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over higher education. This subsection expires January 1, 2026.

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, 2021.