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- 1 AN ACT
- 2 relating to the requirements for a junior college district to
- 3 receive approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- 4 to offer baccalaureate degree programs.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. Section 130.307, Education Code, is amended by
- 7 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as
- 8 follows:
- 9 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (b-1), a [A] public
- 10 junior college may offer a baccalaureate degree program under this
- 11 subchapter only if its junior college district:
- 12 (1) had a taxable property valuation amount of not
- 13 less than \$6 billion in the preceding year; and
- 14 (2) received a positive assessment of the overall
- 15 financial health of the district as reported by the coordinating
- 16 board.
- 17 (b-1) The requirement of Subsection (b)(1) does not apply to
- 18 <u>a public junior college for the purpose of offering a baccalaureate</u>
- 19 degree program in nursing approved under Section 130.308 if its
- 20 junior college district:
- 21 (1) has a taxable property valuation amount of not
- 22 less than \$4 billion in the preceding year; and
- 23 (2) does not have a four-year institution of higher
- 24 education located in a county in which the district is located.

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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

5 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

Chief Clerk of the House I certify that H.B. No. 885 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 3. Secretary of the Senate		
13, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 885 on May 28, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting. Chief Clerk of the House I certify that H.B. No. 885 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 3. Secretary of the Senate APPROVED: Date	President of the Senate	Speaker of the House
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