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H.B. No. 885

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 885:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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 a nursing degree program offered by Navarro College and approved
19 under Section 130.308.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.