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H.B. No. 885

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 Navarro College if its junior college district had a taxable  
19 property valuation amount of not less than \$4 billion in the  
20 preceding year.

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

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.