

1-1 By: Harris, Dominguez, Ellzey H.B. No. 885  
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Birdwell)  
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 13, 2021;  
 1-4 April 14, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher  
 1-5 Education; May 21, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable  
 1-6 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;  
 1-7 May 21, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-9		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-10	Creighton	X			
1-11	West	X			
1-12	Birdwell	X			
1-13	Blanco	X			
1-14	Miles	X			
1-15	Paxton	X			
1-16	Springer	X			
1-17	Taylor	X			
1-18	Zaffirini	X			

1-19 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 885 By: Taylor

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to the requirements for a junior college district to  
 1-23 receive approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board  
 1-24 to offer baccalaureate degree programs.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Section 130.307, Education Code, is amended by  
 1-27 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as  
 1-28 follows:

1-29 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (b-1), a [A] public  
 1-30 junior college may offer a baccalaureate degree program under this  
 1-31 subchapter only if its junior college district:

1-32 (1) had a taxable property valuation amount of not  
 1-33 less than \$6 billion in the preceding year; and

1-34 (2) received a positive assessment of the overall  
 1-35 financial health of the district as reported by the coordinating  
 1-36 board.

1-37 (b-1) The requirement of Subsection (b)(1) does not apply to  
 1-38 a public junior college for the purpose of offering a baccalaureate  
 1-39 degree program in nursing approved under Section 130.308 if its  
 1-40 junior college district:

1-41 (1) has a taxable property valuation amount of not  
 1-42 less than \$4 billion in the preceding year; and

1-43 (2) does not have a four-year institution of higher  
 1-44 education located in a county in which the district is located.

1-45 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-46 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-47 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-48 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-49 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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