By: Harris H.B. No. 885

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

By: _____ C.S.H.B. No. 885

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

(2) received a positive assessment of the overall financial health of the district as reported by the coordinating board.

(b-1) The requirement of Subsection (b)(1) does not apply to a nursing degree program offered by Navarro College and approved under Section 130.308.

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.