

# SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Harris, Ellzey, Dominguez

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 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.

ADOPTED

MAY 22 2021

By: Harris (Birdwell)

*Latey Spaw*  
Secretary of the Senate

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Substitute the following for \_\_\_B. No. \_\_\_\_\_:

By: [Signature]

C.S. H.B. No. 885

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16 board.

17 (b-1) The requirement of Subsection (b)(1) does not apply to  
18 a public junior college for the purpose of offering a baccalaureate  
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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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 23, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Dade Phelan, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB885** by Harris (relating to the requirements for a junior college district to receive approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to offer baccalaureate degree programs.), **As Passed 2nd House**

**No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

It is assumed that the costs associated with the bill's provisions relating to the requirements for a junior college district to receive approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to offer baccalaureate degree programs could be absorbed using existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:**

**LBB Staff:** JMc, LBO, AO, JSM

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 19, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Brandon Creighton, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB885** by Harris (relating to the requirements for a junior college district to receive approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to offer baccalaureate degree programs.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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**Source Agencies:**

**LBB Staff:** JMc, LBO, AO, JSM

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 18, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Brandon Creighton, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB885** by Harris (Relating to the requirements for a junior college district to receive approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to offer baccalaureate degree programs.), **As Engrossed**

**No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Education Code relating to the requirements for a junior college district to receive approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to offer baccalaureate degree programs by allowing Navarro College to offer a baccalaureate nursing degree program.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:**

**LBB Staff:** JMc, LBO, AO, JSM

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 29, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Jim Murphy, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB885** by Harris (relating to the requirements for a junior college district to receive approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to offer baccalaureate degree programs.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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**Source Agencies:**

**LBB Staff:** JMc, LBO, JSM, AO

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 16, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Jim Murphy, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB885** by Harris (Relating to the requirements for a junior college district to receive approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to offer baccalaureate degree programs.), **As Introduced**

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**Source Agencies:** 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 972 Navarro College

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