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S.B. No. 418

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to baccalaureate degree programs offered by a public junior college.

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

SECTION 1. Section 130.306, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 130.306. CONTINUING APPROVAL BY COORDINATING BOARD REQUIRED [~~LIMITATION~~]. [~~(a) A public junior college offering a baccalaureate degree program under this subchapter may not offer more than five baccalaureate degree programs at any time.~~

[~~(c)~~] Degree programs offered under this subchapter are subject to the continuing approval of the coordinating board.

SECTION 2. Section 130.307(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A [~~Except as provided by Subsection (b-1), 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.

SECTION 3. Section 130.307(b-1), Education Code, is repealed.

1 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.