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S.B. No. 1424

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to authorization by the Texas Higher Education
3 Coordinating Board for certain public junior colleges to offer
4 certain baccalaureate degree programs.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 130.303(b), Education Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (b) The coordinating board may authorize baccalaureate
9 degree programs at one or more public junior colleges if the public
10 junior college:

11 (1) offers [~~that offer~~] a degree program in one of the
12 following:

13 (A) the field of applied science, including a
14 degree program in the field of applied science with an emphasis in
15 early childhood education, applied technology, or nursing; or

16 (B) the field of education; and

17 (2) demonstrates [~~have demonstrated~~] a workforce need
18 for the program.

19 SECTION 2. Section 130.306(a), Education Code, is amended
20 to read as follows:

21 (a) A public junior college offering a baccalaureate degree
22 program under this subchapter may not offer more than eight [~~five~~]
23 baccalaureate degree programs at any time.

24 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies

1 beginning with the 2025-2026 academic year.

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