

1-1 By: Clardy, Schaefer (Senate Sponsor - Eltife) H.B. No. 3348  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 11, 2015;  
1-3 May 11, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher  
1-4 Education; May 21, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable  
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0;  
1-6 May 21, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 3348 By: Menéndez

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to authorization by the Texas Higher Education  
1-20 Coordinating Board for certain public junior colleges to offer  
1-21 baccalaureate degree programs.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 130.0012, Education Code, is amended by  
1-24 adding Subsections (b-1), (b-2), (b-3), (k), and (l) to read as  
1-25 follows:

1-26 (b-1) The coordinating board shall establish a pilot  
1-27 project to examine the feasibility and effectiveness of authorizing  
1-28 baccalaureate degree programs in the field of dental hygiene at a  
1-29 public junior college that offers a degree program in that field,  
1-30 has a main campus located in the county seat of a county with a  
1-31 population greater than 200,000, and includes territory in at least  
1-32 six public school districts located in two counties. Subsection (g)  
1-33 does not apply to junior-level and senior-level courses offered  
1-34 under this subsection. In its recommendations to the legislature  
1-35 relating to state funding for public junior colleges, the  
1-36 coordinating board shall recommend that junior-level and  
1-37 senior-level courses offered under this subsection by a public  
1-38 junior college receive the same state support as other courses  
1-39 offered by the public junior college.

1-40 (b-2) Not later than January 1, 2017, the coordinating board  
1-41 shall prepare a progress report on the pilot project established  
1-42 under Subsection (b-1). Not later than January 1, 2019, the  
1-43 coordinating board shall prepare a report on the effectiveness of  
1-44 the pilot project, including any recommendations for legislative  
1-45 action regarding the offering of baccalaureate degree programs in  
1-46 the field of dental hygiene by a public junior college. The  
1-47 coordinating board shall deliver a copy of each report to the  
1-48 governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of  
1-49 representatives, and the chair of the standing committee of each  
1-50 house of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over higher  
1-51 education. Unless the authority to continue offering a  
1-52 baccalaureate degree program in the field of dental hygiene is  
1-53 continued by the legislature, a public junior college may not:

1-54 (1) enroll a new student in a baccalaureate degree  
1-55 program under the pilot project after the 2019 fall semester;

1-56 (2) offer junior-level or senior-level courses for  
1-57 those degree programs after the 2021 fall semester, unless the  
1-58 coordinating board authorizes the college to offer those courses;  
1-59 or

1-60 (3) award a baccalaureate degree under the pilot

2-1 project after the 2021 fall semester, unless the coordinating board  
2-2 approves the awarding of the degree.

2-3 (b-3) This subsection and Subsections (b-1) and (b-2)  
2-4 expire on the first June 15 following the first regular legislative  
2-5 session that occurs after the fourth anniversary of the date a  
2-6 public junior college offering a degree program in the field of  
2-7 dental hygiene under Subsection (b-1) meets the accreditation  
2-8 requirements of Subsection (c).

2-9 (k) The coordinating board shall adopt rules as necessary  
2-10 for the administration of this section.

2-11 (l) In this section, "general academic teaching  
2-12 institution" and "institution of higher education" have the  
2-13 meanings assigned by Section 61.003.

2-14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-18 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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