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 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;  
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 1-5 Nays 0; March 21, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-13	X			
1-14	X			
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the name of the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the  
 1-20 Deaf.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Chapter 131, Education Code, is amended to read  
 1-23 as follows:

1-24 CHAPTER 131. SOUTHWEST COLLEGE [~~COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE~~] FOR THE DEAF

1-25 Sec. 131.001. SOUTHWEST COLLEGE [~~COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE~~] FOR  
 1-26 THE DEAF. The Southwest College [~~Collegiate Institute~~] for the  
 1-27 Deaf is a postsecondary educational institution providing  
 1-28 instruction for hearing-impaired students preparing for a career or  
 1-29 for enrollment in a senior college or university.

1-30 Sec. 131.002. ADMINISTRATION. (a) The college  
 1-31 [~~institute~~] is under the direct control and management of the board  
 1-32 of trustees of the Howard Junior College District.

1-33 (b) The college [~~institute~~] and its programs shall be  
 1-34 administered by personnel who are trained and qualified to work  
 1-35 with hearing-impaired students and are fluent in manual  
 1-36 communication skills.

1-37 Sec. 131.003. LOCATION. The college [~~institute~~] is located  
 1-38 on land deeded to the governing board by the federal Department of  
 1-39 Education for the purpose of operating the college [~~institute~~].  
 1-40 The governing board may not conduct regular junior college programs  
 1-41 for students with unimpaired hearing on the college [~~institute~~]  
 1-42 campus except as an integral part of the program offered to  
 1-43 hearing-impaired students when:

1-44 (1) it is educationally appropriate to enroll hearing  
 1-45 students in classes for the hearing-impaired; or

1-46 (2) special programs are needed to train hearing and  
 1-47 hearing-impaired persons to become professional service providers  
 1-48 for the deaf.

1-49 Sec. 131.004. COURSES, PROGRAMS, AND SERVICES. (a) The  
 1-50 college [~~institute~~] shall offer, but is not limited to offering,  
 1-51 the following courses, programs, and services for hearing-impaired  
 1-52 post-secondary students:

1-53 (1) learning development services, including academic  
 1-54 counseling, tutorial services, reading instruction, services to  
 1-55 counter learning disabilities, and library-related services;

1-56 (2) communications services, including interpreters  
 1-57 for academic and nonacademic functions, speech therapy, and  
 1-58 auditory evaluation and training;

1-59 (3) academic college preparatory courses;

1-60 (4) career analysis services designed to assist each  
 1-61 student in identifying a career interest, considering the student's

2-1 aptitudes, abilities, and skills;

2-2 (5) regular college courses, including vocational and  
2-3 technical education and liberal arts courses;

2-4 (6) extracurricular activities, including intramural  
2-5 athletics; and

2-6 (7) postgraduation services, including job placement  
2-7 services and services designed to orient employers to  
2-8 hearing-impaired workers.

2-9 (b) The course work offered by the college [~~institute~~] shall  
2-10 emphasize self-contained classrooms with instruction conducted by  
2-11 instructors who are trained and qualified to work with  
2-12 hearing-impaired students and are fluent in manual communication  
2-13 skills. Hearing-impaired students may enroll in integrated classes  
2-14 that are regular classes offered to students with unimpaired  
2-15 hearing enrolled in the junior college.

2-16 (c) The programs, services, and facilities of the college  
2-17 [~~institute~~] shall be designed to be appropriate to the needs of  
2-18 hearing-impaired students.

2-19 (d) The executive director shall determine which courses  
2-20 offered by the college [~~institute~~] are appropriate for an  
2-21 electronic display on a screen or terminal, with less than 30  
2-22 seconds delay, of a speaker's spoken message. The college  
2-23 [~~institute~~] shall implement the electronic display in those  
2-24 courses.

2-25 Sec. 131.005. TUITION. (a) A Texas resident student  
2-26 enrolled in the college [~~institute~~] is exempt from tuition fees  
2-27 under Section 54.364.

2-28 (b) A student who is not a resident of Texas shall pay  
2-29 tuition at a rate that is the lesser of:

2-30 (1) the rate provided by this code for a nonresident  
2-31 student enrolled at a general academic teaching institution; or

2-32 (2) a rate determined by the board of trustees and the  
2-33 Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board [~~, Texas College and~~  
2-34 ~~University System~~] to be the approximate cost to the college  
2-35 [~~institute~~], not including room and board, of educating a student  
2-36 during the academic year beginning the next fall.

2-37 Sec. 131.006. APPROPRIATIONS; GRANTS. (a) The governing  
2-38 board of the college [~~institute~~] may receive appropriations for the  
2-39 college's [~~institute's~~] operations only if the board operates the  
2-40 college [~~institute~~] in compliance with this chapter.

2-41 (b) The board may accept gifts, grants, or donations of  
2-42 money or property given to the college [~~institute~~] for the  
2-43 college's [~~institute's~~] exclusive use in carrying out the purposes  
2-44 of this subchapter.

2-45 (c) The board may expend appropriated funds for maintenance  
2-46 and operation, including the maintenance and operation of student  
2-47 housing and food service, unless the funds are specifically  
2-48 restricted to another purpose by the appropriation.

2-49 SECTION 2. Section 51.911(a)(1), Education Code, is amended  
2-50 to read as follows:

2-51 (1) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning  
2-52 assigned by [~~Subdivision (7) of~~] Section 61.003 of this code, but  
2-53 includes the Southwest College [~~Collegiate Institute~~] for the Deaf  
2-54 and Texas State Technical College System [~~Institute~~].

2-55 SECTION 3. Section 51.925(b), Education Code, is amended to  
2-56 read as follows:

2-57 (b) In this section, "institution of higher education" has  
2-58 the meaning assigned by [~~Subdivision (7) of~~] Section 61.003 of this  
2-59 code, except that the term includes the Southwest College  
2-60 [~~Collegiate Institute~~] for the Deaf and Texas State Technical  
2-61 College System [~~Institute~~].

2-62 SECTION 4. Section 54.364(a)(5), Education Code, is amended  
2-63 to read as follows:

2-64 (5) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning  
2-65 assigned by Section 61.003, except that the term includes the  
2-66 Southwest College [~~Collegiate Institute~~] for the Deaf.

2-67 SECTION 5. Section 31.001(8), Natural Resources Code, is  
2-68 amended to read as follows:

2-69 (8) "Institution of higher education" means the Texas

3-1 State Technical College System, the Southwest College [~~Collegiate~~  
3-2 ~~Institute~~] for the Deaf, or an institution of higher education,  
3-3 excluding a public junior college, as defined by Section 61.003,  
3-4 Education Code.

3-5 SECTION 6. (a) The name of the Southwest Collegiate  
3-6 Institute for the Deaf is changed to the Southwest College for the  
3-7 Deaf.

3-8 (b) A reference in law to the Southwest Collegiate Institute  
3-9 for the Deaf means the Southwest College for the Deaf.

3-10 (c) An appropriation for the use or benefit of the Southwest  
3-11 Collegiate Institute for the Deaf is available for the use and  
3-12 benefit of the Southwest College for the Deaf.

3-13 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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