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S.B. No. 972

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(b), Education Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 (b) A public junior college may offer a baccalaureate degree
9 program under this subchapter only if its junior college district [+
10 ~~[(1) had a taxable property valuation amount of not~~
11 ~~less than \$6 billion in the preceding year; and~~
12 [(2)] received a positive assessment of the overall
13 financial health of the district as reported by the coordinating
14 board.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.