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S.B. No. 2032

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the Texas State Technical College System to offer technical-vocational courses or programs.

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

SECTION 1. Section 135.01, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(c) In developing and offering highly specialized technical programs with related supportive coursework, primary consideration shall be placed on industrial and technological manpower needs of the state.

(d) The authority of the Texas State Technical College System to create a technical-vocational course of study or technical-vocational certificate or degree program under this section is not subject to Section 61.0512 ~~[The emphasis of each Texas State Technical College System campus shall be on advanced or emerging technical programs not commonly offered by public junior colleges].~~

SECTION 2. Section 135.02(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The system may operate an extension center created after September 1, 1991, in a city or county if:

(1) ~~[the coordinating board has given prior approval to the extension center, after considering the role and mission of~~

~~the system, the needs of this state and of the community involved,  
the actions of the legislature, if any, and the efficient and  
effective use of the state's educational resources for the economic  
development of this state;~~

~~(2)~~ a political subdivision of this state provides  
and maintains appropriate equipment and facilities for the delivery  
of technical-vocational education, including maintenance and  
utilities; and

(2) ~~(3)~~ funding for the extension center is approved  
by specific legislative Act.

SECTION 3. Section [135.04](#), Education Code, is repealed.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
Act takes effect September 1, 2017.