

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Interested parties suggest that additional efforts are needed to address the ongoing shortage of health care providers in Texas. H.B. 3629 advances one such effort by requiring the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to authorize a baccalaureate degree program in the field of nursing to be offered by the Brazosport College District.

H.B. 3629 amends current law relating to authorization by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for the Brazosport College District to offer a baccalaureate degree program in nursing.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 130.0012, Education Code, by adding Subsection (b-4), as follows:

(b-4) Requires the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to authorize a baccalaureate degree program in the field of nursing under this section (Baccalaureate Degree Programs) to be offered by the Brazosport College District. Provides that offering a baccalaureate degree program under this subsection does not otherwise alter the role and mission of a public junior college.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2017.