

HB 1918 -- Higher Education Course Delivery Priorities

Sponsor: Richardson

This bill specifies that each community college has the ability to offer lower division courses leading to a certificate or an associate's degree in its district and its service area even when the district or service area encompasses a portion of a county that is part of the college district of a public university.

In the absence of mitigating factors, the Department of Higher Education must assume that the best pathway for the delivery of courses leading to a certificate or an associate's degree is through a community college. Mitigating factors are the direct relationship of the certificate or associate's degree to the mission of the public university and the lack of faculty or facilities of the nearest community college to supply the course.