Government Code, in relation to a death that occurs before the effective date of this Act are governed by the law in effect when the death occurs, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.
Passed the Senate on March 27, 2013: Yeas 30, Nays 0; May 22, 2013, Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 23, 2013, House granted request of the Senate; May 25, 2013, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendments, on May 15, 2013: Yeas 146, Nays 0, two present not voting; May 23, 2013, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 25, 2013, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved June 14, 2013.
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CHAPTER 1164
S.B. No. 414
AN ACT
relating to a study and report regarding authorizing certain public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs to address regional workforce needs.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 130, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 130.0013 to read as follows:

Sec. 130.0013. STUDY AND REPORT; BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS AUTHORITY. (a) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall using existing funds, conduct a study of regional workforce needs in this state to determine the regions of the state that would benefit from the authorization of baccalaureate degree programs in the field of nursing and in the field of applied sciences at public junior colleges serving the region and appropriate metrics for determining whether a public junior college should offer those degree programs. In conducting its study, the coordinating board shall consult with at least one representative of each of the following:

(1) four-year institutions of higher education;
(2) two-year institutions of higher education;
(3) regional businesses;
(4) professional associations; and
(5) any other entity the commissioner of higher education considers appropriate.

(b) Not later than August 1, 2014, the coordinating board shall submit to each legislative standing committee with primary jurisdiction over higher education the results of its study under this section and recommendations for legislative or other action.

(c) This section expires September 1, 2015.

SECTION 2. 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, 2013.

Passed the Senate on May 9, 2013: Yeas 30, Nays 0; the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 25, 2013: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendment, on May 22, 2013: Yeas 143, Nays 5, two present not voting.

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