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Increases access to bachelor degrees through expansion of upper-division capacity and the creation of bachelor degree programs at community and technical colleges on a pilot basis.

Requires the state board for community and technical colleges to select up to five community or technical colleges to develop and offer programs of study leading to bachelor degrees in high-demand fields of study.

Authorizes a college to submit an application to the state board to become a pilot college.

student achievement council, Requires the in with community collaboration state board for the and colleges technical and the statewide faculty union organizations, to study the impact of allowing community and technical colleges to offer baccalaureate degrees.