

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 382
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Higher Education
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties note that the South Texas Community College District is the community college system established by the legislature to serve Hidalgo and Starr Counties. While the district serves those counties with multiple campuses in several Lower Rio Grande Valley communities, the parties suggest that the district's service area needs an extension facility more conveniently located to other such communities in the district. C.S.H.B. 382 seeks to provide for the establishment of such an extension facility.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 382 amends the Education Code to require the board of trustees of the South Texas Community College District to establish and operate an extension facility, subject to existing requirements relating to junior college district branch campuses, centers, and extension facilities, within the corporate limits of the municipality of Edcouch or Elsa, beginning with the 2016–2017 academic year.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2015.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 382 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following comparison is organized and formatted in a manner that indicates the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

INTRODUCED

HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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

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Sec. 130.254. SOUTH TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT; BRANCH CAMPUS. The board of trustees of the South Texas Community College District shall establish and operate a branch campus within the corporate limits of the municipality of Edcouch or Elsa. A branch campus established under this section is subject to the requirements of Section 130.251.

SECTION 2. Sections 130.086, 130.0865, and 130.087, Education Code, are transferred to Subchapter K, Chapter 130, Education Code, as added by this Act, redesignated as Sections 130.251, 130.252, and 130.253, Education Code, and amended.

SECTION 3. Section 45.105(f), Education Code, is amended.

SECTION 4. Section 51.406(b), Education Code, is amended.

SECTION 5. Section 130.254, Education Code, as added by this Act, applies beginning with the 2016-2017 academic year.

SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

CAMPUSES

Sec. 130.254. SOUTH TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT; EXTENSION FACILITY. The board of trustees of the South Texas Community College District shall establish and operate an extension facility within the corporate limits of the municipality of Edcouch or Elsa. An extension facility established under this section is subject to the requirements of Section 130.251.

SECTION 2. Same as introduced version.

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SECTION 5. Same as introduced version.

SECTION 6. Same as introduced version.