

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the South Texas/Border Region faces unique health problems that if not addressed now, will endanger the future health of the state's population. S.B. 1288 would provide the establishment and operation of a campus extension of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1288 provides the establishment and operation of a campus extension of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 74, Education Code, by adding Subchapter M, as follows:

SUBCHAPTER M. UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT SAN ANTONIO CAMPUS EXTENSION

Sec. 74.701. **AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH CAMPUS EXTENSION.** Requires the board of regents (board) of the University of Texas System to establish and operate a campus extension of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSC) in the city of Laredo if certain conditions exist.

Sec. 74.702. **MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF CAMPUS EXTENSION.** Authorizes the board to exercise any power granted to the board under Subchapter D in establishing and operating the campus extension. Requires the board to assign responsibility for management of the campus extension. Requires the operating costs of the campus extension to be paid from the UTHSC for that purpose and from available funds from any public or private entity. Authorizes the campus extension, in collaboration with factions of the Texas A&M University System and University of Texas System, to be used to provide certain undergraduate and graduate medical and dental education.

Sec. 74.703. **GIFTS AND GRANTS.** Authorizes the board to accept and administer gifts and grants from any public or private person or entity for the use and benefit of the campus extension.

Sec. 74.704. **FACILITIES.** Authorizes the physical facilities of the campus extension used in teaching and research programs to be provided by a public or private entity. Authorizes a physical facility to be constructed, maintained, or operated with state funds. Authorizes a teaching hospital considered suitable by the board of regents to be provided by a public or private entity. Prohibits the hospital from being constructed, maintained, or operated with state funds.

Sec. 74.705. **COORDINATING BOARD SUPERVISION.** Provides that the campus extension is subject to the continuing supervision of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) and to the adopted rules of THECB.

SECTION 2. Requires THECB to prepare an impact statement examining initial implementation of this

Act, and to deliver a copy of the statement to certain individuals, not later than January 1, 2000. Requires the board to report to THECB if the conditions relating to the provision of land and an administrative building to the board have been satisfied, not later than December 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.