

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 1737
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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 1737 establishes guidelines for a junior college district to create an educational facility within its district and, in order to maximize and fully utilize the new facility, to open it to usage by other entities within the district or by educational partners throughout the region.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter A, Chapter 130, Education Code, by adding Section 130.0103, as follows:

Sec. 130.0103. DUAL USAGE EDUCATIONAL COMPLEX. (a) Authorizes the board of trustees of a junior college district (board), with the approval of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, to establish and operate a dual usage educational complex to provide a shared facility for the educational activities of the junior college district (district) and other participating entities. Authorizes the board to enter into a cooperative agreement governing the operation and use of the complex with the governing body of one or more specific entities.

(b) Requires the junior college district to coordinate and supervise the operation of the complex. Requires the use and the costs associated with the establishment and operation of the complex to be shared by the district and the other participating entities under the terms of the cooperative agreement.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2005.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 1:

Amends Section 130.0130(a), Education Code (page 1, lines 8 and 9 of the engrossed version), by striking "With the approval of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board,".