

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.S.B. 1157
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

C.S.S.B. 1157 allows for a transfer of land between the Texas Board of Criminal Justice and Sam Houston State University (SHSU). This is an agreed-to transfer between the two parties and will allow SHSU to construct new academic facilities.

The land subject to transfer is approximately 82 acres. The parcel is bound by SH-75N, IH-45, the Prison Museum, and the HEARTS Museum.

C.S.S.B. 1157 amends current law relating to the transfer of certain state property in Walker County from the Texas Board of Criminal Justice to the board of regents of the Texas State University System.

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. (a) Requires the Texas Board of Criminal Justice (TBCJ), not later than January 1, 2014, to donate and transfer to the Board of Regents of the Texas State University System for use by Sam Houston State University (SHSU) the real property described by Subsection (e) of this section.

(b) Requires TBCJ to convey the property by a deed without warranty regarding covenants of title.

(c) Requires that the deed include a provision that:

(1) requires SHSU to use the property primarily for a purpose that benefits the public interest of the state; and

(2) indicates that ownership of the property will automatically revert to TBCJ if SHSU fails to use the property primarily for a purpose that benefits the public interest of the state.

(d) Requires TBCJ to retain custody of the deed after the deed is filed in the real property records of Walker County.

(e) Sets forth the real property and boundaries of the real property referred to in this section.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2013.