

Amend CSSB 1952 by adding the following appropriately numbered ARTICLE to PART 9 of the bill and renumbering subsequent ARTICLES of PART 9 of the bill accordingly:

ARTICLE \_\_\_\_\_. HIGHER EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS

SECTION 9.01. The heading to Subchapter N, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER N. PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGES AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION [~~UPPER-LEVEL UNIVERSITIES OR CENTERS~~]

SECTION 9.02. Section 51.661, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 51.661. PURPOSE. The purpose of this subchapter is to encourage partnerships between public community/junior colleges and other institutions of higher education that [~~upper-level universities or centers which~~] are located in the same state uniform service region as adopted by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in order to improve the continuity, quality, and efficiency of educational programs and services.

SECTION 9.03. Subchapter N, Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 51.6615 to read as follows:

Sec. 51.6615. DEFINITION. In this section, "institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

SECTION 9.04. Section 51.662, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 51.662. PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS. With the approval of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the governing boards of a public community/junior college and another institution of higher education that [~~an upper-level university or center which~~] are located in the same state uniform service region as adopted by the coordinating board may enter into a partnership agreement designed to coordinate the management and operations of the institutions. The agreements shall in no way abrogate the powers and duties of the boards with regard to the governance of their respective institutions.

SECTION 9.05. Section 51.666, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 51.666. FACILITIES. A participating institution of

higher education [~~upper-level university or center~~] may lease facilities from or to the community/junior college for administrative and instructional purposes. Community/junior college facilities may not be transferred to the other participating institution of higher education [~~university or center~~] and may not be included in the space inventory of the other participating institution of higher education [~~university or center~~] for formula funding purposes.

SECTION 9.06. Section 51.667, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 51.667. STATE FUNDING. The community/junior college shall receive state appropriations on the same formula basis as other community/junior colleges, and the other participating institution of higher education [~~university or center~~] shall receive state appropriations on the same formula basis as other similar institutions of higher education [~~upper-level senior colleges and universities~~].

SECTION 9.07. Section 51.668, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 51.668. CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES. A participating community/junior college must continue to provide programs and services enumerated in Section 130.003(e) [~~Subsection (e) of Section 130.003 of this code~~]. The role [~~rule~~] and scope of the other participating institution of higher education [~~university or center~~] are subject to approval by the coordinating board.