

AN ACT

relating to lower-division and upper-division courses offered by Texas A&M University--Texarkana.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Sections 87.571(a), (b), and (c), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Texas A&M University--Texarkana is a coeducational ~~[upper-level]~~ institution of higher education located in the City of Texarkana. The university is a component of The Texas A&M University System and is under the management and control of the board of regents of The Texas A&M University System.

(b) The board has the same powers and duties concerning the university as are conferred on the board by law concerning Texas A&M University. The ~~[, except that the]~~ university may ~~[not]~~ offer lower-division courses, but is not required to do so in any academic year for which the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that purpose ~~[freshman or sophomore programs]~~.

(c) The university may offer lower-division courses on the campus of Texarkana College or in a permanent building located on property acquired by the university for a permanently relocated campus. The university may not offer lower-division courses on the campus of Texarkana College without prior approval from Texarkana College ~~[The university may enter into a partnership agreement with the Texarkana College District in the manner authorized by~~

1 ~~Subchapter N, Chapter 51].~~

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

H.B. No. 1566

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1566 was passed by the House on April 10, 2003, by a non-record vote; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1566 on May 29, 2003, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 1566 on June 1, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

H.B. No. 1566

I certify that H.B. No. 1566 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 1566 on June 1, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor