

1-1 By: Telford (Senate Sponsor - Ratliff) H.B. No. 1566
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 14, 2003;
1-3 April 15, 2003, read first time and referred to Subcommittee on
1-4 Higher Education; May 22, 2003, reported to Committee on
1-5 Education; May 23, 2003, reported adversely, with favorable
1-6 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0;
1-7 May 23, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1566 By: Janek

1-9 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-10 AN ACT

1-11 relating to Texas A&M University--Texarkana.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 87.571, Education Code, is amended by
1-14 amending Subsections (a), (b), and (c) and adding Subsection (e) to
1-15 read as follows:

1-16 (a) Texas A&M University--Texarkana is a coeducational
1-17 ~~[upper-level]~~ institution of higher education located in the City
1-18 of Texarkana. The university is a component of The Texas A&M
1-19 University System and is under the management and control of the
1-20 board of regents of The Texas A&M University System.

1-21 (b) The board has the same powers and duties concerning the
1-22 university as are conferred on the board by law concerning Texas A&M
1-23 University. ~~The[, except that the]~~ university may ~~[not]~~ offer
1-24 lower-division courses, but is not required to do so in any academic
1-25 year for which the legislature does not appropriate money
1-26 specifically for that purpose [freshman or sophomore programs].

1-27 (c) The university may offer lower-division courses on the
1-28 campus of Texarkana College or in a permanent building located on
1-29 property acquired by the university for a permanently relocated
1-30 campus. The university may not offer lower-division courses on the
1-31 campus of Texarkana College without prior approval from Texarkana
1-32 College [The university may enter into a partnership agreement with
1-33 the Texarkana College District in the manner authorized by
1-34 Subchapter N, Chapter 51].

1-35 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter,
1-36 Texas A&M University--Texarkana may operate as a general academic
1-37 teaching institution with its own chief executive officer,
1-38 administration, and faculty only after the Texas Higher Education
1-39 Coordinating Board certifies that enrollment at Texas A&M
1-40 University--Texarkana has reached an enrollment equivalent to
1-41 2,500 full-time students for one semester. Until that enrollment
1-42 level is reached, the board may operate Texas A&M
1-43 University--Texarkana in the City of Texarkana.

1-44 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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