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S.B. No. 800

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of Texas A&M University--San Antonio.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 87, Education Code, is amended by adding Subchapter K to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER K. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY--SAN ANTONIO

Sec. 87.841. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY--SAN ANTONIO. (a) Texas A&M University--San Antonio is a general academic teaching institution located in Bexar County. The university is a component institution 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 may prescribe courses leading to such customary degrees as are offered at leading American universities and may award those degrees. Those degrees may include baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degrees in all fields of study, including professional degrees. No department, school, or degree program may be instituted except with the prior approval of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

(c) The board also has the same powers and duties concerning Texas A&M University--San Antonio as are conferred on the board by statute concerning Texas A&M University.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, Texas A&M University--San Antonio may not operate as a general

1 academic teaching institution until the Texas Higher Education  
2 Coordinating Board certifies that enrollment at the Texas A&M  
3 University--Kingsville System Center--San Antonio has reached an  
4 enrollment equivalent of 2,500 full-time students for one semester.

5 SECTION 2. Section 61.056, Education Code, does not apply  
6 to this Act. This Act does not affect the authority of the board of  
7 regents of The Texas A&M University System to operate a system  
8 center or branch campus of any component institution of The Texas  
9 A&M University System in Bexar County.

10 SECTION 3. In accordance with Subsection (c), Section 18,  
11 Article VII, Texas Constitution, if this Act receives a vote of  
12 two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, the  
13 institution created by this Act is entitled to participate in the  
14 funding provided by Section 18, Article VII, Texas Constitution,  
15 for The Texas A&M University System.

16 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.