

1-1 By: Madla, et al. S.B. No. 800
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 3, 2003; March 10, 2003, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Education; April 23, 2003,
1-4 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0;
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the establishment of Texas A&M University--San Antonio.
1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Chapter 87, Education Code, is amended by adding
1-11 Subchapter K to read as follows:

1-12 SUBCHAPTER K. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY--SAN ANTONIO

1-13 Sec. 87.841. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY--SAN ANTONIO. (a) Texas
1-14 A&M University--San Antonio is a general academic teaching
1-15 institution located in Bexar County. The university is a component
1-16 institution of The Texas A&M University System and is under the
1-17 management and control of the board of regents of The Texas A&M
1-18 University System.

1-19 (b) The board may prescribe courses leading to such
1-20 customary degrees as are offered at leading American universities
1-21 and may award those degrees. Those degrees may include
1-22 baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degrees in all fields of
1-23 study, including professional degrees. No department, school, or
1-24 degree program may be instituted except with the prior approval of
1-25 the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

1-26 (c) The board also has the same powers and duties concerning
1-27 Texas A&M University--San Antonio as are conferred on the board by
1-28 statute concerning Texas A&M University.

1-29 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter,
1-30 Texas A&M University--San Antonio may not operate as a general
1-31 academic teaching institution until the Texas Higher Education
1-32 Coordinating Board certifies that enrollment at the Texas A&M
1-33 University--Kingsville System Center--San Antonio has reached an
1-34 enrollment equivalent of 2,500 full-time students for one semester.

1-35 SECTION 2. Section 61.056, Education Code, does not apply
1-36 to this Act. This Act does not affect the authority of the board of
1-37 regents of The Texas A&M University System to operate a system
1-38 center or branch campus of any component institution of The Texas
1-39 A&M University System in Bexar County.

1-40 SECTION 3. In accordance with Subsection (c), Section 18,
1-41 Article VII, Texas Constitution, if this Act receives a vote of
1-42 two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, the
1-43 institution created by this Act is entitled to participate in the
1-44 funding provided by Section 18, Article VII, Texas Constitution,
1-45 for The Texas A&M University System.

1-46 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-47 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-48 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-49 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-50 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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