

1-1 By: Shapleigh S.B. No. 81  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 9, 2004; January 31, 2005,  
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1-4 February 21, 2005, reported favorably to Committee on Education by  
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; March 7, 2005, reported  
1-6 adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute from the Committee  
1-7 on Education by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; March 7, 2005,  
1-8 sent to printer.)

1-9 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 81 By: West

1-10 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-11 AN ACT

1-12 relating to a joint partnership between the Texas Tech University  
1-13 Health Sciences Center and The University of Texas at El Paso.

1-14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-15 SECTION 1. Chapter 110, Education Code, is amended by  
1-16 adding Section 110.17 to read as follows:

1-17 Sec. 110.17. JOINT PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS  
1-18 AT EL PASO. (a) The board of regents of Texas Tech University and  
1-19 the board of regents of The University of Texas System may establish  
1-20 and maintain a joint partnership between the Texas Tech University  
1-21 Health Sciences Center and The University of Texas at El Paso. The  
1-22 governance of the partnership is as determined by agreement between  
1-23 the boards of regents of the participating institutions. The  
1-24 boards of regents by agreement may designate the official name of  
1-25 the partnership.

1-26 (b) The partnership shall develop joint degree programs and  
1-27 joint research programs as the boards of regents of the  
1-28 participating institutions consider appropriate to efficiently use  
1-29 the resources of both institutions in El Paso County consistent  
1-30 with the mission of each institution. The participating  
1-31 institutions may make joint appointments of faculty or other  
1-32 personnel to the partnership and to either or both institutions.  
1-33 The salary of a person receiving a joint appointment shall be  
1-34 apportioned between the institutions on the basis of services  
1-35 rendered.

1-36 (c) The costs of operation of the partnership may be paid  
1-37 from money appropriated for that purpose or from other public or  
1-38 private money. The partnership shall retain all indirect costs  
1-39 received or recovered under a grant or contract.

1-40 (d) The partnership may accept gifts, grants, and donations  
1-41 from any source for the purposes of the partnership's programs. The  
1-42 partnership shall seek private, local, and federal funding to  
1-43 support the operation and management of the partnership.

1-44 (e) The activities of the partnership may be located in  
1-45 facilities determined appropriate by the boards of regents,  
1-46 including facilities of a participating institution. The  
1-47 partnership may acquire, develop, or use land, buildings,  
1-48 equipment, facilities, or other improvements for use in connection  
1-49 with the partnership's programs.

1-50 (f) The partnership may contract with the governing body of  
1-51 a public or private college or university located in Mexico or  
1-52 Canada to conduct joint degree programs or other joint academic  
1-53 activities.

1-54 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 69, Education Code, is  
1-55 amended by adding Section 69.23 to read as follows:

1-56 Sec. 69.23. JOINT PARTNERSHIP WITH TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
1-57 HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER. The board of regents of The University of  
1-58 Texas System has the powers and duties provided by Section 110.17.

1-59 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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