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1-9 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 95 By: West

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

1-12 relating to the establishment of an asthma research center at the
1-13 Texas Tech University campus in 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 110.151 to read as follows:

1-17 Sec. 110.151. TEXAS TECH ASTHMA RESEARCH CENTER. (a) In
1-18 this section:

1-19 (1) "Board" means the board of regents of the Texas
1-20 Tech University System.

1-21 (2) "Center" means the Texas Tech Asthma Research
1-22 Center.

1-23 (b) The board shall establish the Texas Tech Asthma Research
1-24 Center. The center shall operate in collaboration with The
1-25 University of Texas at El Paso and the Texas Commission on
1-26 Environmental Quality.

1-27 (c) The center shall conduct research related to:

1-28 (1) asthma; and

1-29 (2) conditions associated with asthma, including
1-30 health problems associated with industrial pollution and other
1-31 environmental contamination in this state in the region that
1-32 borders the United Mexican States.

1-33 (d) The center shall:

1-34 (1) collaborate with the Department of State Health
1-35 Services to develop a standard definition of asthma and to identify
1-36 entities to collect and report asthma and related health data to the
1-37 center;

1-38 (2) study asthma and related health problems
1-39 associated with industrial pollution and environmental
1-40 contamination in this state at international bridge crossings and
1-41 state or federal industrial cleanup sites in the region that
1-42 borders the United Mexican States;

1-43 (3) investigate the areas in this state that the
1-44 center identifies as having abnormally high incidence of asthma and
1-45 related health problems;

1-46 (4) study the impact of air and soil quality on the
1-47 health of this state's residents in the region that borders the
1-48 United Mexican States; and

1-49 (5) study the impact of motor vehicle traffic on the
1-50 health of this state's residents in the region that borders the
1-51 United Mexican States.

1-52 (e) The center shall develop a 10-year strategic plan to
1-53 guide and evaluate the center's progress toward achieving the
1-54 center's purposes in accordance with this section, focusing on the
1-55 region of this state that borders the United Mexican States. The
1-56 strategic plan must:

1-57 (1) describe the goals, objectives, and performance
1-58 standards for each of the center's programs and how the programs
1-59 accomplish the center's purposes;

1-60 (2) recommend guidelines on air quality and air
1-61 pollution standards in relation to health issues and the monitoring
1-62 and compliance necessary to enforce the guidelines;

1-63 (3) recommend preventative and corrective steps to

2-1 reduce or eliminate adverse health effects identified in the study;
2-2 (4) assess the needs of the center's programs and
2-3 faculty; and

2-4 (5) assess the center's need for new initiatives.

2-5 (f) The center shall update the strategic plan required by
2-6 Subsection (e) at least every two years. Not later than December 15
2-7 of each even-numbered year, the board shall submit to the
2-8 legislature a report concerning the strategic plan, including any
2-9 recommendations for legislative action.

2-10 (g) The board shall organize, control, and manage the
2-11 center.

2-12 (h) The board shall approve the center's employment of
2-13 personnel and operating budget. An employee of the center is an
2-14 employee of the Texas Tech University System.

2-15 (i) The board shall select a site for the center at the
2-16 regional academic health center of the Texas Tech University Health
2-17 Sciences Center located in El Paso.

2-18 (j) The center may enter into an agreement or may cooperate
2-19 with a public or private entity to perform the research functions of
2-20 the center.

2-21 (k) The board may solicit, accept, and administer gifts and
2-22 grants from any public or private source for the use and benefit of
2-23 the center.

2-24 SECTION 2. The board of regents of the Texas Tech University
2-25 System shall use existing funds to establish the Texas Tech Asthma
2-26 Research Center as provided by Section 110.151, Education Code, as
2-27 added by this Act, not later than January 1, 2007.

2-28 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-29 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-30 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-31 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-32 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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