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S.B. No. 296

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the student enrollment required for the operation of Texas A&M University--San Antonio and Texas A&M University--Central Texas as independent general academic teaching institutions.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (d), Section 87.841, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, Texas A&M University--San Antonio may not operate as a general academic teaching institution until the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board certifies that enrollment at the Texas A&M University--Kingsville System Center--San Antonio has reached an enrollment equivalent of:

(1) 1,000 full-time students for one semester if the legislature authorizes revenue bonds to be issued to finance educational and related facilities for the institution, and the bonds are issued for that purpose; or

(2) 2,500 full-time students for one semester if the conditions specified by Subdivision (1) are not satisfied.

SECTION 2. Subsection (d), Section 87.861, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

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

1 academic teaching institution until the Texas Higher Education  
2 Coordinating Board certifies that enrollment at the Tarleton State  
3 University System Center--Central Texas in Killeen has reached an  
4 enrollment equivalent of:

5 (1) 1,000 full-time students for one semester if the  
6 legislature authorizes revenue bonds to be issued to finance  
7 educational and related facilities for the institution, and the  
8 bonds are issued for that purpose; or

9 (2) 2,500 full-time students for one semester if the  
10 conditions specified by Subdivision (1) are not satisfied.

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