

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2834
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Higher Education
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Under current state law, the board of regents of the Texas A&M University System is authorized to grant The Former Students Association of Texas A&M University a lease of surface area not to exceed five acres on the original main campus for which the association can construct and occupy a building for use consistent with the association's stated purposes. The Association of Former Students would like to lease an additional contiguous three acres for a new Aggie Ring Plaza, expanded parking and enhanced services for Texas A&M University and alumni. Since the current building was dedicated in 1987, The Association staff has doubled and the number of former students has nearly tripled, thus creating the need to expand.

H.B. 2834 will authorize the board of regents to increase the amount of acreage that it may grant to The Former Students Association of Texas A&M University from the current five acres up to eight acres.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

SECTION 1: Section 85.25 (c) (2) of the Education Code is amended to change the lease of surface area authorized to The Former Students Association of Texas A&M from 5 acres to an amount not to exceed 8 acres on the original main campus. This is for use by the association to construct and occupy a building for use consistent with the association stated purposes.

SECTION 2: Effective date.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Upon passage, or, if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2007.