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H.B. No. 2074

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of the East Williamson County
Multi-Institution Teaching Center.

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

SECTION 1. Section 87.861(d), 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
academic teaching institution until the Texas Higher Education
Coordinating Board certifies that enrollment at the Tarleton State
University System Center--Central Texas in Killeen has reached an
enrollment equivalent of 1,000 full-time students for one semester.
In computing the full-time student enrollment equivalent for a
semester under this subsection, the coordinating board shall
include any semester credit hours completed at the East Williamson
County Multi-Institution Teaching Center under Section 130.092 in
courses conducted by the faculty of the Tarleton State University
System Center--Central Texas, or its successor.

SECTION 2. Chapter 130, Education Code, is amended by
adding Subchapter F to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER F. SPECIAL PROGRAMS OPERATED BY CERTAIN JUNIOR
COLLEGE DISTRICTS

Sec. 130.091. DEFINITION. In this chapter "institution of
higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

1 Sec. 130.092. EAST WILLIAMSON COUNTY MULTI-INSTITUTION
2 TEACHING CENTER. (a) The Temple Junior College District shall
3 establish, in conjunction with at least one of the following
4 institutions, the East Williamson County Multi-Institution
5 Teaching Center:

6 (1) Tarleton State University;

7 (2) Tarleton State University System Center--Central
8 Texas;

9 (3) Texas State Technical College--Waco; or

10 (4) another public or private institution of higher
11 education.

12 (b) The center shall provide coordinated higher education
13 opportunities to the residents of the region in which the center is
14 located by offering academic credit courses and programs from the
15 member institutions of the center. The center must be administered
16 under a formal agreement entered into by the Temple Junior College
17 District with the other member institutions.

18 (c) The member institutions of the center shall work with
19 the local community to identify and offer courses that will meet the
20 educational and workforce development goals for the region served
21 by the center.

22 (d) The member institutions of the center may, under the
23 terms of the formal agreement, make provisions for adequate
24 physical facilities for use by the center.

25 (e) The member institutions of the center may solicit,
26 accept, and administer, on terms and conditions acceptable to the
27 members, gifts, grants, or donations of any kind and from any source

1 for use by the center.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.