

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. 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.

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

(1) Tarleton State University;

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

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

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

(b) The center shall provide coordinated higher education opportunities to the residents of the region in which the center is located by offering academic credit courses and programs from the

1 member institutions of the center. The center must be administered  
2 under a formal agreement entered into by the Temple Junior College  
3 District with the other member institutions.

4 (c) The member institutions of the center shall work with  
5 the local community to identify and offer courses that will meet the  
6 educational and workforce development goals for the region served  
7 by the center.

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

11 (e) The member institutions of the center may solicit,  
12 accept, and administer, on terms and conditions acceptable to the  
13 members, gifts, grants, or donations of any kind and from any source  
14 for use by the center.

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2074 was passed by the House on May 11, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2074 on May 24, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2074 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor