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H.B. No. 2074

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the operation of Texas A&M University--Central Texas.

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

SECTION 1. Section 87.861, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(a) Texas A&M University--Central Texas is a general academic teaching institution with facilities located in Bell County and Williamson County. The university is a component institution of The Texas A&M University System and is under the management and control of the board of regents of The Texas A&M University System.

(e) The board on behalf of the university shall enter into a partnership agreement with the Temple Junior College District in the manner authorized by Subchapter N, Chapter 51, to offer a lower-division, occupational, or technical course that is not offered at the university.

SECTION 2. Subchapter L, Chapter 87, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 87.862 to read as follows:

Sec. 87.862. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY--CENTRAL TEXAS EAST WILLIAMSON COUNTY HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER. (a) Under the agreement entered into under Section 87.861(e) and subject to the approval of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the board of regents of The Texas A&M University System and the board of

1 trustees of the Temple Junior College District, in order to meet the
2 workforce and educational needs of the state uniform service
3 region, shall enter into agreements with local public school
4 districts and local business and industry to establish the Texas
5 A&M University--Central Texas East Williamson County Higher
6 Education Center.

7 (b) The center shall be administered under the agreement as
8 determined by the entities participating in the agreement.

9 (c) The board of regents shall make provisions for adequate
10 physical facilities for use by the Texas A&M University--Central
11 Texas East Williamson County Higher Education Center, subject to
12 the general requirements of the board and the Texas Higher
13 Education Coordinating Board.

14 (d) The board of regents may solicit, accept, and
15 administer, on terms and conditions acceptable to the board, gifts,
16 grants, or donations of any kind and from any source for use by the
17 Texas A&M University--Central Texas East Williamson County Higher
18 Education Center.

19 (e) Unless otherwise specifically restricted, funds may be
20 transferred to Texas A&M University--Central Texas to implement
21 this section.

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