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H.B. No. 3556

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the establishment of a school of engineering at Texas
3 A&M University--Corpus Christi.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 87, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 87.403 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 87.403. SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING. (a) The board of
8 regents of The Texas A&M University System may establish and
9 operate a school of engineering as a professional school of Texas
10 A&M University--Corpus Christi.

11 (b) In administering the engineering school, the board may
12 prescribe courses leading to customary degrees offered at other
13 leading American schools of engineering and may award those
14 degrees.

15 (c) Before the board establishes an engineering school
16 under this section, but not later than June 1, 2008, the Texas
17 Higher Education Coordinating Board shall prepare a feasibility
18 study to determine the actions the system must take to obtain
19 accreditation of the engineering school. The Texas Higher
20 Education Coordinating Board shall deliver a copy of the study to
21 the chair of each legislative standing committee or subcommittee
22 with jurisdiction over higher education.

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.