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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 420 By: West

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to establishing a health science center and medical school
1-11 in the Rio Grande Valley.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Chapter 74, Education Code, is amended by adding
1-14 Subchapter N to read as follows:

1-15 SUBCHAPTER N. THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE
1-16 CENTER--RIO GRANDE VALLEY

1-17 Sec. 74.751. HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER. (a) The board of
1-18 regents of The University of Texas System may operate The
1-19 University of Texas Health Science Center--Rio Grande Valley as a
1-20 component institution of The University of Texas System with its
1-21 main campus and administrative offices in the Harlingen
1-22 metropolitan area. The health science center may consist of a
1-23 medical school, other health and health-related degree programs,
1-24 and related programs and facilities as the board considers
1-25 appropriate.

1-26 (b) The board of regents may include facilities located in
1-27 Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, and Willacy Counties in the health science
1-28 center and may operate programs and activities and provide related
1-29 services of the center in those counties.

1-30 Sec. 74.752. PARTICIPATION IN AVAILABLE UNIVERSITY FUND.
1-31 In accordance with Section 18(c), Article VII, Texas Constitution,
1-32 if the Act enacting this section receives a vote of two-thirds of
1-33 all the members elected to each house of the legislature, the
1-34 institution created under this section is entitled to participate
1-35 in the funding provided by Section 18, Article VII, Texas
1-36 Constitution, for The University of Texas System.

1-37 Sec. 74.753. COURSES AND DEGREES; RULES. The board of
1-38 regents may prescribe courses leading to customary degrees and may
1-39 adopt rules for the operation, control, and management of the
1-40 health science center as may be necessary for the conduct of a
1-41 medical school and other health science center programs of the
1-42 first class.

1-43 Sec. 74.754. AFFILIATION AGREEMENTS; JOINT APPOINTMENTS.
1-44 (a) The board of regents may execute and carry out affiliation or
1-45 coordination agreements with any other entity or institution in the
1-46 region to participate in the health science center.

1-47 (b) The board of regents may make joint appointments in the
1-48 health science center and other institutions under the board's
1-49 governance. The salary of a person who receives a joint appointment
1-50 shall be apportioned to the appointing institutions on the basis of
1-51 services rendered.

1-52 Sec. 74.755. GIFTS AND GRANTS. The board of regents may
1-53 accept and administer gifts and grants from any public or private
1-54 person or entity for the use and benefit of the health science
1-55 center.

1-56 Sec. 74.756. OTHER FACILITIES. In addition to the
1-57 facilities of the health science center, the board of regents may
1-58 enter into agreements under which additional facilities used in the
1-59 center's teaching and research programs, including libraries,
1-60 auditoriums, research facilities, and medical education buildings,
1-61 may be provided by a public or private entity.

1-62 Sec. 74.757. TEACHING HOSPITAL. A teaching hospital
1-63 considered suitable by the board of regents for the health science

center may be provided by a public or private entity. The hospital may not be constructed, maintained, or operated with state funds.

Sec. 74.758. COORDINATING BOARD SUPERVISION. The health science center is subject to the continuing supervision of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board under Chapter 61 and to the rules of the coordinating board adopted under Chapter 61.

Sec. 74.759. EFFECT OF HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER ON RIO GRANDE VALLEY ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTER. (a) The board of regents may convert the regional academic health center established under Subchapter L into The University of Texas Health Science Center--Rio Grande Valley and establish a medical school at the health science center as soon as the board considers appropriate considering available resources and the best interests of The University of Texas System and the people of this state and the Lower Rio Grande Valley. In establishing the health science center and medical school, the board of regents shall ensure that the programs, students, and faculty and staff of the regional academic health center are not affected other than as the board considers necessary to implement this subchapter.

(b) It is the intent of the legislature that The University of Texas Health Science Center--Rio Grande Valley be established by conversion of the regional academic health center established under Subchapter L and that those entities be considered to be the same institution. A reference in law to the regional academic health center applies to The University of Texas Health Science Center--Rio Grande Valley to the extent it can be made applicable. All contracts and agreements, including bonds and other financial obligations, entered into by The University of Texas System or any of its officers or employees relating to the regional academic health center apply to The University of Texas Health Science Center--Rio Grande Valley when the health science center is established.

(c) The permanent endowment fund established under Section 63.101 for the benefit of the regional academic health center established under Subchapter L is transferred to the benefit of The University of Texas Health Science Center--Rio Grande Valley when the health science center is established. It is the intent of the legislature that the transfer of the endowment fund be made so as not to interrupt the research or other programs supported by distributions from the fund.

SECTION 2. Section 55.1732, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) Bonds authorized or issued under this section for the regional academic health center established under Section 74.611 are considered to have been authorized or issued for The University of Texas Health Science Center--Rio Grande Valley when that institution is established.

SECTION 3. Subdivision (5), Section 61.003, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(5) "Medical and dental unit" means The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston; The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas; The University of Texas Medical School at San Antonio; The University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston; The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center; The University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at Houston; The University of Texas Dental School at San Antonio; The University of Texas Medical School at Houston; The University of Texas Health Science Center--Rio Grande Valley, if established under Section 74.751; the nursing institutions of The University of Texas System; and The University of Texas School of Public Health at Houston; and such other medical or dental schools as may be established by statute or as provided in this chapter.

SECTION 4. Subsection (c), Section 63.002, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The amount available for distribution from the fund may be appropriated only for programs that benefit medical research, health education, or treatment programs at the following health-related institutions of higher education:

(1) The University of Texas Health Science Center at

3-1 San Antonio;

3-2 (2) The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer

3-3 Center;

3-4 (3) The University of Texas Southwestern Medical

3-5 Center at Dallas;

3-6 (4) The University of Texas Medical Branch at

3-7 Galveston;

3-8 (5) The University of Texas Health Science Center at

3-9 Houston;

3-10 (6) The University of Texas Health Science Center at

3-11 Tyler;

3-12 (7) The University of Texas Health Science Center--Rio

3-13 Grande Valley, if established under Section 74.751;

3-14 (8) The Texas A&M University Health Science Center;

3-15 (9) [~~8~~] the University of North Texas Health Science

3-16 Center at Fort Worth;

3-17 (10) [~~9~~] the Texas Tech University Health Sciences

3-18 Center; and

3-19 (11) [~~10~~] Baylor College of Medicine, if a contract

3-20 between Baylor College of Medicine and the Texas Higher Education

3-21 Coordinating Board is in effect under Section 61.092.

3-22 SECTION 5. Subsection (a), Section 65.02, Education Code,

3-23 is amended to read as follows:

3-24 (a) The University of Texas System is composed of the

3-25 following institutions and entities:

3-26 (1) The University of Texas at Arlington, including:

3-27 (A) The University of Texas Institute of Urban

3-28 Studies at Arlington; and

3-29 (B) The University of Texas School of Nursing at

3-30 Arlington;

3-31 (2) The University of Texas at Austin, including:

3-32 (A) The University of Texas Marine Science

3-33 Institute;

3-34 (B) The University of Texas McDonald Observatory

3-35 at Mount Locke; and

3-36 (C) The University of Texas School of Nursing at

3-37 Austin;

3-38 (3) The University of Texas at Dallas;

3-39 (4) The University of Texas at El Paso, including The

3-40 University of Texas School of Nursing at El Paso;

3-41 (5) The University of Texas of the Permian Basin;

3-42 (6) The University of Texas at San Antonio, including

3-43 the University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures at San Antonio;

3-44 (7) The University of Texas Southwestern Medical

3-45 Center at Dallas, including:

3-46 (A) The University of Texas Southwestern Medical

3-47 School at Dallas;

3-48 (B) The University of Texas Southwestern

3-49 Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at Dallas; and

3-50 (C) The University of Texas Southwestern Allied

3-51 Health Sciences School at Dallas;

3-52 (8) The University of Texas Medical Branch at

3-53 Galveston, including:

3-54 (A) The University of Texas Medical School at

3-55 Galveston;

3-56 (B) The University of Texas Graduate School of

3-57 Biomedical Sciences at Galveston;

3-58 (C) The University of Texas School of Allied

3-59 Health Sciences at Galveston;

3-60 (D) The University of Texas Marine Biomedical

3-61 Institute at Galveston;

3-62 (E) The University of Texas Hospitals at

3-63 Galveston; and

3-64 (F) The University of Texas School of Nursing at

3-65 Galveston;

3-66 (9) The University of Texas Health Science Center at

3-67 Houston, including:

3-68 (A) The University of Texas Medical School at

3-69 Houston;

4-1 (B) The University of Texas Dental Branch at
4-2 Houston;
4-3 (C) The University of Texas Graduate School of
4-4 Biomedical Sciences at Houston;
4-5 (D) The University of Texas School of Health
4-6 Information Sciences at Houston;
4-7 (E) The University of Texas School of Public
4-8 Health at Houston;
4-9 (F) The University of Texas Speech and Hearing
4-10 Institute at Houston; and
4-11 (G) The University of Texas School of Nursing at
4-12 Houston;
4-13 (10) The University of Texas Health Science Center at
4-14 San Antonio, including:
4-15 (A) The University of Texas Medical School at San
4-16 Antonio;
4-17 (B) The University of Texas Dental School at San
4-18 Antonio;
4-19 (C) The University of Texas Graduate School of
4-20 Biomedical Sciences at San Antonio;
4-21 (D) The University of Texas School of Allied
4-22 Health Sciences at San Antonio; and
4-23 (E) The University of Texas School of Nursing at
4-24 San Antonio;
4-25 (11) The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer
4-26 Center, including:
4-27 (A) The University of Texas M. D. Anderson
4-28 Hospital;
4-29 (B) The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Tumor
4-30 Institute; and
4-31 (C) The University of Texas M. D. Anderson
4-32 Science Park; and
4-33 (12) The University of Texas Health Science
4-34 Center--Rio Grande Valley, if established under Section 74.751.
4-35 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4-36 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4-37 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4-38 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4-39 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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