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S.B. No. 649

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a joint partnership between the Texas Tech University  
3 Health Sciences Center and The University of Texas at El Paso.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 110, Education Code, is amended by  
6 adding Section 110.17 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 110.17. JOINT PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS  
8 AT EL PASO. (a) The board of regents of Texas Tech University and  
9 the board of regents of The University of Texas System may establish  
10 and maintain a joint partnership between the Texas Tech University  
11 Health Sciences Center and The University of Texas at El Paso. The  
12 governance of the partnership is as determined by agreement between  
13 the boards of regents of the participating institutions. The  
14 boards of regents by agreement may designate the official name of  
15 the partnership.

16 (b) The partnership shall develop joint degree programs and  
17 joint research programs as the boards of regents of the  
18 participating institutions consider appropriate to efficiently use  
19 the resources of both institutions in El Paso County consistent  
20 with the mission of each institution. The participating  
21 institutions may make joint appointments of faculty or other  
22 personnel to the partnership and to either or both institutions.  
23 The salary of a person receiving a joint appointment shall be  
24 apportioned between the institutions on the basis of services

1 rendered.

2 (c) The costs of operation of the partnership may be paid  
3 from money appropriated for that purpose or from other public or  
4 private money. The partnership shall retain all indirect costs  
5 received or recovered under a grant or contract.

6 (d) The partnership may accept gifts, grants, and donations  
7 from any source for the purposes of the partnership's programs. The  
8 partnership shall seek private, local, and federal funding to  
9 support the operation and management of the partnership.

10 (e) The activities of the partnership may be located in  
11 facilities determined appropriate by the boards of regents,  
12 including facilities of a participating institution. The  
13 partnership may acquire, develop, or use land, buildings,  
14 equipment, facilities, or other improvements for use in connection  
15 with the partnership's programs.

16 (f) The partnership may contract with the governing body of  
17 a public or private college or university located in Mexico or  
18 Canada to conduct joint degree programs or other joint academic  
19 activities.

20 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 69, Education Code, is  
21 amended by adding Section 69.23 to read as follows:

22 Sec. 69.23. JOINT PARTNERSHIP WITH TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
23 HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER. The board of regents of The University of  
24 Texas System has the powers and duties provided by Section 110.17.

25 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.