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S.B. No. 1150

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
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.