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S.B. No. 1400

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a school of law at The University of Texas at Brownsville.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 78, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 78.11 to read as follows:

Sec. 78.11. UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT BROWNSVILLE SCHOOL OF LAW. (a) The board shall establish and maintain the University of Texas at Brownsville School of Law as a professional school of the university.

(b) The board may prescribe courses leading to customary degrees offered at other leading American schools of law and may award those degrees.

(c) The school of law shall be located in Cameron County.

SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2007, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall prepare a feasibility study to assist the board of regents of The University of Texas System in establishing a law school as provided by this Act.

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