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S.B. No. 1418

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment and operation of a spatial reference center at Texas A&M University--Corpus Christi.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 88, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 88.503 to read as follows:

Sec. 88.503. SPATIAL REFERENCE CENTER. (a) The board may create and operate a spatial reference center at Texas A&M University--Corpus Christi for the purpose of:

(1) facilitating the federal height modernization project for the state;

(2) conducting basic and applied research regarding elevation and geodetic and vertical datums in the state;

(3) collecting geodetic data for state mapping and control; and

(4) establishing and maintaining an official digital spatial reference system for the state, in coordination with:

(A) the United States National Geodetic Survey;

(B) the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;

(C) the Texas Natural Resources Information System; and

(D) the Texas Water Development Board.

(b) The board shall adopt rules relating to the operation of

1 the spatial reference center.

2 (c) The spatial reference center may solicit and accept
3 gifts, grants, and appropriations for the purposes of this section.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.