

1-1 By: Hinojosa S.B. No. 1418
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2007; March 20, 2007, read
1-3 first time and referred to Subcommittee on Higher Education;
1-4 April 11, 2007, reported favorably from Committee on Education by
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; April 11, 2007, sent to
1-6 printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the establishment and operation of a spatial reference
1-10 center at Texas A&M University--Corpus Christi.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 88, Education Code, is
1-13 amended by adding Section 88.503 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 88.503. SPATIAL REFERENCE CENTER. (a) The board may
1-15 create and operate a spatial reference center at Texas A&M
1-16 University--Corpus Christi for the purpose of:

1-17 (1) facilitating the federal height modernization
1-18 project for the state;

1-19 (2) conducting basic and applied research regarding
1-20 elevation and geodetic and vertical datums in the state;

1-21 (3) collecting geodetic data for state mapping and
1-22 control; and

1-23 (4) establishing and maintaining an official digital
1-24 spatial reference system for the state, in coordination with:

1-25 (A) the United States National Geodetic Survey;

1-26 (B) the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
1-27 Administration;

1-28 (C) the Texas Natural Resources Information
1-29 System; and

1-30 (D) the Texas Water Development Board.

1-31 (b) The board shall adopt rules relating to the operation of
1-32 the spatial reference center.

1-33 (c) The spatial reference center may solicit and accept
1-34 gifts, grants, and appropriations for the purposes of this section.

1-35 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-36 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-37 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-38 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-39 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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