

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 2376
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Higher Education
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

In 1989, Texas A&I University in Kingsville became part of The Texas A&M University System. Four years later, the university's name was changed to Texas A&M University—Kingsville. Those in opposition to the name change contended that the change was made without the participation of stakeholders who have a vested interest in the institution.

S.B. 2376 renames Texas A&M University—Kingsville as Texas A&I University.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

S.B. 2376 amends the Education Code to rename Texas A&M University—Kingsville as Texas A&I University and makes conforming changes. The bill specifies that a reference in law to Texas A&M University—Kingsville means Texas A&I University and that an appropriation for the use and benefit of Texas A&M University—Kingsville is available for the use and benefit of Texas A&I University. The bill establishes that the bill does not make an appropriation and that a provision of the bill that creates a new governmental program, creates a new entitlement, or imposes a new duty on a governmental entity is not mandatory during a fiscal period for which the legislature has not made a specific appropriation to implement the provision.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2010.