

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

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 vested a interest in the institution.

As proposed, S.B. 2376 changes the name of Texas A&M University--Kingsville to Texas A&I University.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends the heading to Subchapter D, Chapter 87, Education Code, to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER D. TEXAS A& I UNIVERSITY

SECTION 2. Amends Section 87.301, Education Code, as follows:

Sec. 87.301. ESTABLISHMENT. (a) Provides that Texas A&I University, rather than Texas A&M University--Kingsville, is a coeducational institution of higher education located in the city of Kingsville.

(b) Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 51.502(1), Education Code to redefine "eligible institution."

SECTION 4. Amends Section 61.003(3), Education Code, to redefine "general academic teaching institution."

SECTION 5. Amends Section 85.70(c), Education Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 6. (a) Provides that a reference in law to Texas A&M University--Kingsville means Texas A&I University.

(b) Provides 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.

SECTION 7. Effective date: September 1, 2009.