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H.B. No. 1850

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to changing the name of the South Texas Health Care System to the Rio Grande State Center.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11.004(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The department is composed of the board, the commissioner, an administrative staff, the Texas Center for Infectious Disease, the Rio Grande State Center [~~South Texas Health Care System~~], and other officers and employees necessary to perform efficiently its powers and duties.

SECTION 2. Section 13.003, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 13.003. SERVICES AT RIO GRANDE STATE CENTER [~~SOUTH TEXAS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM~~]. (a) The primary purpose of the Rio Grande State Center [~~South Texas Health Care System~~] is to provide inpatient and outpatient services, either directly or by contract with one or more public or private health care providers or entities, to the residents of the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

(b) The board may establish at the Rio Grande State Center [~~South Texas Health Care System~~]:

- (1) cancer screening;
- (2) diagnostic services;
- (3) educational services;

- 1           (4) obstetrical services;  
2           (5) gynecological services;  
3           (6) other inpatient health care services; and  
4           (7) outpatient health care services, including  
5 diagnostic, treatment, disease management, and supportive care  
6 services.

7           SECTION 3. Section 13.033(5), Health and Safety Code, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9           (5) "State chest hospital" means the Texas Center for  
10 Infectious Disease and the Rio Grande State Center [~~South Texas~~  
11 ~~Health Care System~~].

12           SECTION 4. (a) A reference in law to the South Texas Health  
13 Care System means the Rio Grande State Center.

14           (b) An appropriation to the Department of State Health  
15 Services for the use and benefit of the South Texas Health Care  
16 System is available for the use and benefit of the Rio Grande State  
17 Center.

18           SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.