

1-1 By: Lucio III, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Lucio) H.B. No. 1850  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2009;  
1-3 May 4, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 International Relations and Trade; May 20, 2009, reported  
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 20, 2009, sent  
1-6 to printer.)

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

1-9 relating to changing the name of the South Texas Health Care System  
1-10 to the Rio Grande State Center.

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

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 11.004(a), Health and Safety Code, is  
1-13 amended to read as follows:

1-14 (a) The department is composed of the board, the  
1-15 commissioner, an administrative staff, the Texas Center for  
1-16 Infectious Disease, the Rio Grande State Center [~~South Texas Health  
1-17 Care System~~], and other officers and employees necessary to perform  
1-18 efficiently its powers and duties.

1-19 SECTION 2. Section 13.003, Health and Safety Code, is  
1-20 amended to read as follows:

1-21 Sec. 13.003. SERVICES AT RIO GRANDE STATE CENTER [~~SOUTH  
1-22 TEXAS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM~~]. (a) The primary purpose of the Rio  
1-23 Grande State Center [~~South Texas Health Care System~~] is to provide  
1-24 inpatient and outpatient services, either directly or by contract  
1-25 with one or more public or private health care providers or  
1-26 entities, to the residents of the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

1-27 (b) The board may establish at the Rio Grande State Center  
1-28 [~~South Texas Health Care System~~]:

- 1-29 (1) cancer screening;  
1-30 (2) diagnostic services;  
1-31 (3) educational services;  
1-32 (4) obstetrical services;  
1-33 (5) gynecological services;  
1-34 (6) other inpatient health care services; and  
1-35 (7) outpatient health care services, including  
1-36 diagnostic, treatment, disease management, and supportive care  
1-37 services.

1-38 SECTION 3. Section 13.033(5), Health and Safety Code, is  
1-39 amended to read as follows:

1-40 (5) "State chest hospital" means the Texas Center for  
1-41 Infectious Disease and the Rio Grande State Center [~~South Texas  
1-42 Health Care System~~].

1-43 SECTION 4. (a) A reference in law to the South Texas Health  
1-44 Care System means the Rio Grande State Center.

1-45 (b) An appropriation to the Department of State Health  
1-46 Services for the use and benefit of the South Texas Health Care  
1-47 System is available for the use and benefit of the Rio Grande State  
1-48 Center.

1-49 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-50 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-51 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-52 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-53 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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