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H.B. No. 3689

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the partnership agreement between The University of Texas at Brownsville and the Texas Southmost College District.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 78.02(c) and (d), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(c) The university may enter into a partnership agreement with the Texas Southmost [~~Union Junior~~] College District in the manner authorized by Subchapter N, Chapter 51, to offer a lower-division, occupational, or technical course that is not offered at the university. A partnership agreement must include:

(1) the responsibilities of each institution under the agreement;

(2) a description of the assets, property, and personnel to be shared by the institutions under the agreement;

(3) a manner of assigning students to each institution based on factors such as the physical capacity of each institution's facilities and the courses and programs in which the students are enrolled;

(4) a description of the certificate and degree programs and other curricula to be offered under the agreement and the process for appropriate accreditations; and

(5) the manner for dissolving the agreement, including an appropriate disposition of assets and obligations.

1           (d) The university shall, subject to the authority of the  
2 Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, offer basic  
3 lower-division courses to support bachelor of arts and bachelor of  
4 science degree programs. If the Texas Southmost [~~Union Junior~~  
5 College District provides regular operational support for Texas  
6 Southmost College and the partnership with the university  
7 authorized by Subsection (c), the university may offer additional  
8 lower-division courses.

9           SECTION 2. Section 78.04, Education Code, is amended to  
10 read as follows:

11           Sec. 78.04. FACILITIES. The board shall make provisions  
12 for adequate physical facilities for use by the university, on land  
13 committed by the board of trustees of the Texas Southmost [~~Union  
14 Junior~~] College District on the district's Texas Southmost College  
15 campus, subject to the normal requirements of the board and the  
16 Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

17           SECTION 3. Not later than the 90th day after the effective  
18 date of this Act, any partnership agreement between The University  
19 of Texas at Brownsville and the Southmost Union Junior College  
20 District entered under Section 78.02(c), Education Code, before the  
21 effective date of this Act shall be amended to meet the requirements  
22 of Section 78.02(c), Education Code, as amended by this Act.

23           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.