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S.B. No. 1165

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the use of real property by the University of  
3 Houston--Sugar Land.

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

5 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the transfer of real  
6 property, on which the University of Houston--Sugar Land is now  
7 located, to the University of Houston System by the Texas  
8 Department of Transportation pursuant to Chapter 1243 (H.B. 1961),  
9 Acts of the 75th Legislature, Regular Session, 1997, was made in the  
10 public interest and continues to serve all public purposes of the  
11 state listed in Subsection (a), Section 1 of Chapter 1243.

12 SECTION 2. The legislature finds that:

13 (1) the public purpose requirements placed on the  
14 property transferred pursuant to Chapter 1243 are served if the  
15 property is used for higher education purposes that encompass more  
16 than strictly academic pursuits; and

17 (2) the language in Chapter 1243 that required the  
18 property to be used "only for higher education purposes" is  
19 misleading to the extent that it may be construed to imply that the  
20 property is reserved for strictly academic pursuits.

21 SECTION 3. To clarify the intent of the legislature and in  
22 accordance with the findings made by this Act, the ownership and  
23 transfer documents for the property shall be amended to state that  
24 the University of Houston--Sugar Land shall use the property "for

1 higher education purposes" consistent with the purposes of the  
2 university.

3           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.