

By: Hinojosa

S.B. No. 1343

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a regional center for public safety excellence in the Rio Grande Valley.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 130, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 130.093 to read as follows:

Sec. 130.093. REGIONAL CENTER FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EXCELLENCE.

(a) In this section, "regional center" means the regional center for public safety excellence established under this section.

(b) The regional center for public safety excellence is established to develop and provide initial and continuing education and training, including academic credit courses and programs, for law enforcement personnel in the Rio Grande Valley.

(c) South Texas College shall administer the regional center in partnership with political subdivisions and participating school districts in the Rio Grande Valley. The headquarters of the regional center are located at South Texas College in Pharr, Texas. The regional center may use property and facilities at other locations in the Rio Grande Valley.

(d) The regional center may solicit and accept gifts and grants from any public or private source for purposes of this section. The legislature may appropriate money for purposes of this section.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

S.B. No. 1343

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