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H.B. No. 658

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the creation of a campus of the Texas State Technical
3 College System in Fort Bend County.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 135.02(a), Education Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (a) The Texas State Technical College System is composed of:

8 (1) a system office located in the city of Waco in
9 McLennan County;

10 (2) a campus located in the city of Harlingen in
11 Cameron County;

12 (3) a campus serving West Texas that operates as a
13 collective unit of strategically positioned permanent locations in
14 the city of Sweetwater in Nolan County, the city of Abilene in
15 Taylor County, the city of Brownwood in Brown County, and the city
16 of Breckenridge in Stephens County;

17 (4) a campus located in the city of Marshall in
18 Harrison County;

19 (5) a campus located in the city of Waco in McLennan
20 County;

21 (6) a campus located in the city of Richmond in Fort
22 Bend County;

23 (7) an extension center located in Ellis County; and

24 (8) [~~7~~] campuses assigned to the system from time to

1 time by specific legislative Act.

2 SECTION 2. Section 135.04(b), Education Code, is amended to
3 read as follows:

4 (b) Before any program may be offered by a campus or
5 extension center within the tax district of a public junior college
6 that is operating a vocational and technical program, it must be
7 established that the public junior college is not capable of
8 offering or is unable to offer the program. After it is
9 established that a need for the program exists and that the program
10 is not locally available, the campus or extension center may offer
11 the program, provided approval is secured from the coordinating
12 board. Approval of technical-vocational programs under this
13 section does not apply to Brown, McLennan, Cameron, Fort Bend, and
14 Potter counties.

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.