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H.B. No. 1712

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of an innovative workforce training center 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 130.094 to read as follows:

Sec. 130.094. INNOVATIVE WORKFORCE TRAINING CENTER. (a) In this section, "training center" means the Innovative Workforce Training Center established under this section.

(b) The Innovative Workforce Training Center is established to develop and provide initial and continuing education and training for workers in the Rio Grande Valley, including education and training in the following specific areas:

(1) welding;

(2) civil, commercial, residential, and industrial construction;

(3) installing electrical systems;

(4) installing heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning systems; and

(5) mechatronics.

(c) Texas Southmost College shall administer the training center. The headquarters of the training center are located at Texas Southmost College in Brownsville. The training center may use property and facilities owned or leased by Texas Southmost

1 College.

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

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.