

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:

(1) "Commission" means the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement ("TCOLE").

(2) "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 education and training for law enforcement personnel in the Rio Grande Valley, including:

(1) education and training leading toward an associate of applied science degree or certificate or another public safety or law enforcement-related associate degree or certificate;

(2) TCOLE officer certification; and

(3) a continuing education certification.

(c) South Texas College shall administer the regional center in partnership with political subdivisions and participating school districts in the Rio Grande Valley. The

1 headquarters of the regional center are located at South Texas
2 College in Pharr, Texas. The regional center may use property and
3 facilities at other locations in Hidalgo and Starr Counties.

4 (d) In developing its training programs and courses, the
5 regional center shall ensure that the program or course curriculum
6 satisfies any requirements imposed by the commission under
7 Subchapter F, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, for the regional
8 center to operate as a commission-approved training provider under
9 that chapter.

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

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

H.B. No. 1887

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1887 was passed by the House on April 29, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 3, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1887 on May 28, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 136, Nays 8, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1887 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 26, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor