

1 AN ACT

2 relating to an agreement to finance and build a conference center
3 and other appropriate facilities in or near a state park.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 13, Parks and Wildlife
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 13.0046 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 13.0046. COOPERATION WITH INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
8 EDUCATION. (a) In this section, "institution of higher education"
9 has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003, Education Code.

10 (b) The commission may enter into a joint agreement with the
11 governing board of an institution of higher education to finance
12 and build a conference center and other appropriate related
13 facilities to be located in or near a state park.

14 (c) A facility built under this section must be operated
15 cooperatively to provide benefits to the department and the
16 institution of higher education in accomplishing the purposes of
17 the department and the institution.

18 (d) The commission and an institution of higher education
19 may use any funds, property, or other assets available to finance
20 and build a facility under this section.

21 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to an agreement entered
22 into on or after the effective date of this Act.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3842 was passed by the House on April 30, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 137, Nays 2, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3842 was passed by the Senate on May 24, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 2.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor