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H.B. No. 967

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the powers of the TexAmericas Center.

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

SECTION 1. Section 3503.003(a), Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The authority is created to:

(1) accept title on approval by, and in coordination with, the governor to all or a portion of the property on, adjacent to, or related to the property described by Section 3503.004 from the United States;

(2) promote the location and development of new businesses, industries, and commercial activities on or related to the property;

(3) undertake a project the board considers necessary or incidental to the industrial, commercial, or business development, redevelopment, maintenance, and expansion of new or existing businesses on and for the property described by Section 3503.004, including the acquisition, construction, operation, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, replacement, improvement, extension, expansion, or enhancement of:

(A) roads, bridges, and rights-of-way;

(B) housing;

(C) property;

(D) police, fire, medical, cultural,

1 educational, and research services, equipment, institutions, and
2 resources;

3 (E) other community support services;

4 (F) flood control, water, wastewater treatment,
5 natural gas, electricity, solid waste disposal, steam generation,
6 communications, and all other utility facilities and services;

7 (G) other infrastructure improvements; and

8 (H) any other services or facilities acquired by
9 the authority from the United States;

10 (4) promote or support an active military base located
11 in the same county as the authority to prevent closure or
12 realignment of the base and attract new military missions to the
13 base; ~~and~~

14 (5) exercise the powers granted to a conservation and
15 reclamation district under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas
16 Constitution; and

17 (6) promote regional economic development and job
18 creation inside the district's boundaries and outside of the
19 district's boundaries in Bowie County and adjacent counties.

20 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 3503, Special District
21 Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 3503.112 to read as
22 follows:

23 Sec. 3503.112. NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS FOR SPECIAL
24 PROJECTS. (a) The authority may authorize by resolution the
25 creation of a nonprofit corporation under the Business
26 Organizations Code solely to undertake on behalf of the authority a
27 project described by Section 3503.003(a)(3).

1 (b) The board shall appoint the board of directors of each
2 nonprofit corporation created under this section. A board member
3 is not required to reside in the authority.

4 (c) A board member or employee of the authority may
5 simultaneously serve as a member of the board of directors of a
6 nonprofit corporation. A person serving as a board member of the
7 authority and of a nonprofit corporation created under this section
8 may participate in all votes relating to the business of the
9 authority or the corporation.

10 (d) The nonprofit corporation may not exercise the power of
11 eminent domain.

12 (e) A nonprofit corporation created under this section is
13 subject to Chapters 551 and 552, Government Code.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.