

1-1 By: VanDeaver (Senate Sponsor - Hughes) H.B. No. 967
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2017;
 1-3 May 11, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Administration; May 22, 2017, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0, 1 present not voting; May 22, 2017, sent to
 1-6 printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to the powers of the TexAmericas Center.
 1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-20 SECTION 1. Section 3503.003(a), Special District Local Laws
 1-21 Code, is amended to read as follows:
 1-22 (a) The authority is created to:
 1-23 (1) accept title on approval by, and in coordination
 1-24 with, the governor to all or a portion of the property on, adjacent
 1-25 to, or related to the property described by Section 3503.004 from
 1-26 the United States;
 1-27 (2) promote the location and development of new
 1-28 businesses, industries, and commercial activities on or related to
 1-29 the property;
 1-30 (3) undertake a project the board considers necessary
 1-31 or incidental to the industrial, commercial, or business
 1-32 development, redevelopment, maintenance, and expansion of new or
 1-33 existing businesses on and for the property described by Section
 1-34 3503.004, including the acquisition, construction, operation,
 1-35 maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, replacement, improvement,
 1-36 extension, expansion, or enhancement of:
 1-37 (A) roads, bridges, and rights-of-way;
 1-38 (B) housing;
 1-39 (C) property;
 1-40 (D) police, fire, medical, cultural,
 1-41 educational, and research services, equipment, institutions, and
 1-42 resources;
 1-43 (E) other community support services;
 1-44 (F) flood control, water, wastewater treatment,
 1-45 natural gas, electricity, solid waste disposal, steam generation,
 1-46 communications, and all other utility facilities and services;
 1-47 (G) other infrastructure improvements; and
 1-48 (H) any other services or facilities acquired by
 1-49 the authority from the United States;
 1-50 (4) promote or support an active military base located
 1-51 in the same county as the authority to prevent closure or
 1-52 realignment of the base and attract new military missions to the
 1-53 base; ~~and~~
 1-54 (5) exercise the powers granted to a conservation and
 1-55 reclamation district under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas
 1-56 Constitution; and
 1-57 (6) promote regional economic development and job
 1-58 creation inside the district's boundaries and outside of the
 1-59 district's boundaries in Bowie County and adjacent counties.
 1-60 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 3503, Special District
 1-61 Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Section 3503.112 to read as

2-1 follows:

2-2 Sec. 3503.112. NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS FOR SPECIAL
2-3 PROJECTS. (a) The authority may authorize by resolution the
2-4 creation of a nonprofit corporation under the Business
2-5 Organizations Code solely to undertake on behalf of the authority a
2-6 project described by Section 3503.003(a)(3).

2-7 (b) The board shall appoint the board of directors of each
2-8 nonprofit corporation created under this section. A board member
2-9 is not required to reside in the authority.

2-10 (c) A board member or employee of the authority may
2-11 simultaneously serve as a member of the board of directors of a
2-12 nonprofit corporation. A person serving as a board member of the
2-13 authority and of a nonprofit corporation created under this section
2-14 may participate in all votes relating to the business of the
2-15 authority or the corporation.

2-16 (d) The nonprofit corporation may not exercise the power of
2-17 eminent domain.

2-18 (e) A nonprofit corporation created under this section is
2-19 subject to Chapters 551 and 552, Government Code.

2-20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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