

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio (UTHSCSA) offers off-campus learning opportunities for students to advance their health education, including travel to its Laredo Regional Campus for supplemental coursework and clinical education in Webb County and the surrounding area. Despite authorization to use appropriated funds for certain travel costs in each session's General Appropriations Act, UTHSCSA requires clear statutory authorization to use appropriated funds for this purpose. C.S.S.B. 1788 authorizes the institution to use funds appropriated for university-level students to assist students traveling to students attending the Laredo campus and receiving clinical training in the greater Laredo area.

C.S.S.B. 1788 amends current law relating to the payment of certain costs associated with certain programs of The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 660.004, Government Code, by adding Subsection (e), as follows:

(e) Authorizes funds appropriated for the education of university students at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio to be used to pay for costs associated with the educational programs for the campus's university-level students attending the Laredo Regional Campus and receiving clinical training in Webb County and the surrounding communities, including ground or air transportation, lodging, and related expenses.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2019.