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S.B. No. 884

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the management and operation by The University of Texas System of a multi-institution center in the city of Laredo.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Subchapter M, Chapter 74, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER M. UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM MULTI-INSTITUTION [~~HEALTH SCIENCE~~] CENTER IN LAREDO [~~AT SAN ANTONIO CAMPUS EXTENSION~~]

SECTION 2. Section 74.701, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 74.701. AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH CENTER [~~CAMPUS EXTENSION~~]. The board of regents of The University of Texas System shall establish and operate a multi-institution center [~~campus extension of The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio~~] in the city of Laredo if:

(1) a public or private entity offers the board of regents sufficient land in that city to construct a center [~~campus extension~~]; and

(2) public or private entities agree to provide funds necessary to construct an administrative building for the center [~~campus extension~~].

SECTION 3. Section 74.702, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 74.702. MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF CENTER [~~CAMPUS~~]

1 ~~EXTENSION~~]. (a) The board of regents may exercise any power  
2 granted to the board under Subchapter D in establishing and  
3 operating the center [~~campus extension~~].

4 (b) The board of regents may [~~shall~~] assign responsibility  
5 for management of the center to a component institution of the  
6 system [~~campus extension to The University of Texas Health Science~~  
7 ~~Center at San Antonio~~].

8 (c) The operating costs of the center [~~campus extension~~]  
9 shall be paid from [~~the operating funds of The University of Texas~~  
10 ~~Health Science Center at San Antonio for that purpose and from~~]  
11 available funds from any public or private entity.

12 (d) The primary purpose of the center [~~campus extension~~] is  
13 to host [~~support~~] educational activities, conduct and facilitate  
14 research, and engage in community outreach. Component institutions  
15 of the system may use the center in accordance with its primary  
16 purpose [~~The campus extension may be used~~] to provide undergraduate  
17 and graduate medical and dental education, including residency  
18 training programs, and other levels of health education work in  
19 collaboration with any public institution of higher education  
20 considered appropriate by the board of regents [~~Texas A&M~~  
21 ~~International University or any component institution of The Texas~~  
22 ~~A&M University System or The University of Texas System~~].

23 SECTION 4. Section 74.703, Education Code, is amended to  
24 read as follows:

25 Sec. 74.703. GIFTS AND GRANTS. The board of regents may  
26 accept and administer gifts and grants from any public or private  
27 person or entity for the use and benefit of the center [~~campus~~

1 ~~extension~~], including accepting and administering gifts and grants  
2 of land and physical facilities.

3 SECTION 5. Section 74.704(a), Education Code, is amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (a) The physical facilities of the center [~~campus~~  
6 ~~extension~~] used in teaching and research programs, including  
7 libraries, auditoriums, research facilities, and health education  
8 buildings, may be provided by a public or private entity. The board  
9 of regents may [~~is authorized to~~] lease the facilities that are to  
10 be used as the physical facilities of the center [~~campus~~  
11 ~~extension~~].

12 SECTION 6. Section 63.102(c), Education Code, is amended to  
13 read as follows:

14 (c) The amount available for distribution from each fund may  
15 be appropriated only for research and other programs that are  
16 conducted by the institution or components for which the fund is  
17 established and that benefit the public health. The comptroller or  
18 the governing board shall report to the legislature the amount of  
19 funds that are eligible for appropriation. An amount appropriated  
20 from the fund established for The University of Texas Health  
21 Science Center at San Antonio may be used to establish, maintain,  
22 and operate a children's cancer center. An amount appropriated  
23 from the funds established for the component institutions of The  
24 University of Texas System may be used to maintain, operate, and  
25 conduct health education programs and other related work at the  
26 system's multi-institution center [~~and the campus extension~~] in the  
27 city of Laredo. An amount appropriated from the funds established

1 for the components of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences  
2 Center located in El Paso and for The University of Texas at El Paso  
3 may be used for the establishment and operation of an institute of  
4 public health in El Paso. An amount appropriated from the fund  
5 established for the components of the Texas Tech University Health  
6 Sciences Center at locations other than El Paso may be used for  
7 research and other programs that benefit the public health in areas  
8 outside El Paso. An amount appropriated from the fund established  
9 for The Texas A&M University Health Science Center may be used for  
10 the establishment and operation of the Coastal Bend Health  
11 Education Center in Corpus Christi.

12 SECTION 7. Section [74.705](#), Education Code, is repealed.

13 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.