H.B. No. 944

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of the University System of South Texas; changing the names of certain institutions of higher education; amending the titles of Chapter 104 and Subchapters C, D, and G of Chapter 104, and Sections 104.01, 104.11, 104.14, 104.21, 104.41, 104.51, 104.91(a), and 104.93(a), Texas Education Code, as amended, and adding Section 104.15.

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

Section 1. The purpose of this Act creating the University System of South Texas is to provide an administrative structure which will implement and supervise the policies and long-range plans of the governing board and which will determine the higher education needs of the system, marshal existing resources for appropriate response to those needs, assure the delivery of educational services in an economical and efficient manner, and establish a high level of quality in the conduct of the total educational enterprise.

Sec. 2. The name of Texas A & I University at Laredo is changed to Laredo State University, and the name of Texas A & I University at Corpus Christi is changed to Corpus Christi State University.

Sec. 3. The title of Chapter 104, Texas Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

"CHAPTER 104. [TEXAS A & I] THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF SOUTH TEXAS"
Sec. 4. Section 104.01, Texas Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 104.01. THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF SOUTH TEXAS. The University System of South Texas is established and is composed of:

"(1) Texas A & I University;

"(2) Laredo State University;

"(3) Corpus Christi State University; and

"(4) other institutions and entities assigned to the system from time to time by specific legislative act."

[TEXAS—A & I—UNIVERSITY.—Texas A & I—University is a coeducational institution of higher education located in the city of Kingsville]

Sec. 5. The name of the Board of Directors of Texas A & I University is changed to the Board of Directors of the University System of South Texas. Members of the board on the effective date of this Act continue to serve on the board for the terms to which they were appointed.

Sec. 6. Section 104.11, Texas Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 104.11. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The university system is under the management and control of a board of nine directors appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate."

Sec. 7. Section 104.14, Texas Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 104.14. EXECUTIVE OFFICER [PRESIDENT] OF UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. The board shall appoint an executive officer [a president]
of the university system, fix his term of office, set his salary, and define his duties. The president is the executive officer for the board and shall work under its direction. He shall recommend a plan for the organization of the university system and the appointment of presidents for the system's component institutions employees of the university. He is responsible to the board for the general management and success of the university system; and he shall have the cooperation of the board."

Sec. 8. Subchapter B, Chapter 104, Texas Education Code, is amended by adding Section 104.15 to read as follows:

"Sec. 104.15. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. With respect to the management and control of the university system, the board has the same powers and duties that are conferred on the Board of Regents, Texas State University System, with respect to institutions in that system, except as otherwise provided by this chapter."

Sec. 9. The title of Subchapter C, Chapter 104, Texas Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

"SUBCHAPTER C. TEXAS A & I UNIVERSITY [POWERS AND DUTIES]"

Sec. 10. Section 104.21, Texas Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 104.21. TEXAS A & I UNIVERSITY [GENERAL—POWERS AND DUTIES]. Texas A & I University is a coeducational institution of higher education located in the city of Kingsville. With respect to the management and control of the university, the board has the same powers and duties that are conferred on the Board of Regents State Senior Colleges, with respect to institutions in that system.
except as otherwise provided by this chapter.)"

Sec. 11. The title of Subchapter D, Chapter 104, Texas Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

"SUBCHAPTER D. [TEXAS A & I UNIVERSITY AT] LAREDO
STATE UNIVERSITY"

Sec. 12. Section 104.41, Texas Education Code, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 104.41. ESTABLISHMENT; SCOPE; DISCONTINUATION. The board may establish an upper-level educational center [of Texas A & I University] in the city of Laredo, to be known as Laredo State University [Texas A & I University at Laredo], to accept junior, senior, and master's level students only. This upper-level educational center may be discontinued by the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, at its discretion and shall never be converted to a free-standing, fully state-supported coeducational institution of higher learning until it has complied with all requirements imposed by the Coordinating Board and until the site for such institution, consisting of at least 200 acres of land, shall have been provided at no cost to the state."

Sec. 13. Section 104.51, Texas Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 104.51. AUTHORIZATION. The board for the benefit of Texas A & I University [the university] may purchase, use, lease as lessor, and operate farmland, may purchase crops and other horticultural and agricultural products growing on or produced on to be produced and harvested from the land, and may purchase any farming machinery, apparatus, and equipment used or useful in
connection with it, from any person, firm, or corporation and for
the price or prices the board considers reasonable and proper."

Sec. 14. The title of Subchapter G, Chapter 104, Texas
Education Code, is amended to read as follows:
"SUBCHAPTER G. [TEXAS A & I UNIVERSITY AT] CORPUS CHRISTI STATE
UNIVERSITY"

Sec. 15. Subsection (a), Section 104.91, Texas Education
Code, is amended to read as follows:
"(a) The board is authorized and directed to establish and
maintain a fully state-supported coeducational institution of
higher learning to be known as [Texas A & I University at] Corpus
Christi State University. The site for the institution shall
consist of at least 200 acres of land and shall be provided for the
institution at no cost to the state."

Sec. 16. Subsection (a), Section 104.93, Texas Education
Code, is amended to read as follows:
"(a) The board may accept and administer upon terms and
conditions satisfactory to it grants or gifts of property,
including real estate and/or money that may be tendered to it in
aid of the planning, establishment, conduct, and operation of
[Texas A & I University at] Corpus Christi State University, and in
aid of research and teaching at the university."

Sec. 17. This Act takes effect September 1, 1977.

Sec. 18. The importance of this legislation and the crowded
condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and
an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule
requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be

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suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

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H.B. No. 944

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 944 was passed by the House on March 16, 1977, by the following vote: Yea 139, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 944 was passed by the Senate on May 20, 1977, by the following vote: Yea 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 5/27/77

Date

[Signature]

Governor

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
10:30 A.M., MAY 28, 1977

MAY 28 1977

Secretary of State

Effective: 9-1-77
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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT
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1. Filed with the Chief Clerk.

2. Read first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education.

3. Reported favorably (amended) and sent to Printer at 8:10 P.M.

4. Printed, distributed and sent to the Committee on Calendar at 10:00 A.M.

5. Read second time (amended) passed to third reading (failed by Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of 139 yays, 0 nays, and 2 present, not voting).

6. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H.B. was ordered engrossed prevailed (failed) by a (Non-record) (Record Vote of yays, nays, and present, not voting).

7. Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days suspended (failed to suspend) by a four-fifths vote of yays, nays, and present, not voting.

8. Read third time (amended); finally passed (failed) by (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of 139 yays, 0 nays, 2 present, not voting.

9. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

10. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H.B. was finally passed prevailed (failed) by a (Non-record) (Record Vote of yays, nays, and present, not voting).

MAR 16 1977
11. Ordered Engrossed at 11:55 A.M. (time)

MAR 16 1977
12. Engrossed.

MAR 16 1977
13. Returned to Chief Clerk at 5:20 P.M. (time)

MAR 17 1977
14. Sent to Senate.

MAR 17 1977
15. Received from the House

MAR 21 1977
16. Read, referred to Committee on Education

MAY 18 1977
17. Reported favorably

MAY 18 1977
18. Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time.

MAY 18 1977
19. Ordered not printed.

MAY 18 1977
20. Regular order of business suspended by (a viva voce vote.)
21. To permit consideration, reading and passage, Senate and Constitutional Rules suspended by vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays.

22. Read second time _____ passed to third reading by: 
   (_____ yeas, _____ nays.)

23. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

24. Senate and Constitutional 3-Day Rules suspended by vote of 31 yeas, 0 nays to place bill on third reading and final passage.

25. Read third time and passed by: 
   (31 yeas, 0 nays.)

OTHER ACTION:  OTHER ACTION: 

SECRETARY SIGN

Secretary of the Senate

26. Returned to the House.

27. Received from the Senate (______).

28. House (Concurred) (Refused to Concur) in Senate Amendments by a (Non-record Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting).

29. Conference Committee Ordered.

30. Conference Committee Report Adopted (Rejected) by a (Non-record Vote) (Record Vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, and _____ present, not voting).

31. Ordered Enrolled at 3:15 P.M. (time)