

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the Texas Chiropractic College (college) is located in Pasadena, Texas and has been in operation in Texas since 1908. This college has 500 students from 40 states and 10 foreign countries. The college is interested in becoming part of a state university system. This bill would transfer the college to the Texas A&M University System.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 260 transfers the Texas Chiropractic College to the Texas A&M University System.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is granted to the board of regents of the Texas A&M University System in SECTION 3(c) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. TRANSFER OF GOVERNANCE. Provides that the Texas Chiropractic College is transferred to the board of regents of the Texas A&M University System (board), if both governing boards agree that the transfer take place no later than August 31, 1997, and if agreed, the transfer is effective September 1, 1997 and is governed by Sections 2 through 8 of this Act.

SECTION 2. NAME. Requires the institution to be known as the Texas A&M University System--Texas A&M Chiropractic College--Pasadena (college), upon effect of the transfer.

SECTION 3. POWERS AND DUTIES; RULES AND POLICIES. Sets forth the duties of the Texas A&M University System (system) in undertaking the college. Authorizes the college to continue awarding the same degrees as before the transfer. Provides that new degree proposals are subject to the process of other state-supported institutions. Provides that rules adopted by the college before the transfer are still in effect until adopted, repealed or superseded by the board. Authorizes the board to adopt rules applicable to the college in anticipation of the transfer.

SECTION 4. CONTRACTS AND WRITTEN OBLIGATIONS. Provides that contracts or other written obligations of the board of trustees of the Texas Chiropractic College are ratified, confirmed, and validated.

SECTION 5. EFFECT ON EMPLOYEES. Provides that an employee of the college will be treated as an employee of the Texas A&M University System, except service for the Texas Chiropractic College is to be given credit for the purpose of accruing annual leave time.

SECTION 6. TRANSFER OF FUNDING. Requires all funds to be transferred to the board from the Texas Chiropractic College for the use and benefit of the college.

SECTION 7. EFFECT ON STUDENTS. Provides that credit hours earned by students at the college before the transfer are not affected.

SECTION 8. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. Sets forth the intent of the legislature's transfer of the

Texas Chiropractic College to the Texas A&M University System.

SECTION 9. Amends Chapter 87, Education Code, by adding Subchapter J, as follows:

SUBCHAPTER J. THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM--TEXAS A&M
CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE--PASADENA

Sec. 87.821 THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM--TEXAS A&M CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE--PASADENA. Provides that the college is a component of the system and under the control of the board. Sets forth the duties of the board.

Sec. 87.822 POWERS OF THE BOARD. Sets forth the duties of the board. Requires the salary of a person who receives a joint appointment under this section to be apportioned among the institutions to which the individual is appointed on the basis of the services rendered.

SECTION 10. TRANSITION. Requires the board to publish notice of the transfer in the Texas Register, as soon as practicable after the board certifies that the system has agreed to and completed the transfer.

SECTION 11. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.