BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Research Center

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DIGEST

In 1971, the Institute for Urban Studies at the University of Houston was created. This institute has not been functioning in this capacity in recent years, while the Center for Public Policy has assumed the function of holding forums for discussion and analysis of societal problems. This bill would change the name of the institute to the Center for Public Policy.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 730 changes the name of the Institute for Urban Studies at the University of Houston to the Center for Public Policy.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1.   Amends Chapter 111D, Education Code, as follows:

SUBCHAPTER D. New heading: CENTER FOR PUBLIC POLICY

Sec. 111.61.   New heading: CREATION OF CENTER; LOCATION. Requires the board of regents (board) of the University of Houston to establish and maintain a Center for Public Policy (center), rather than an institute for urban studies.

Sec. 111.62.   ADMINISTRATION. Requires the administrative officer of the center, rather than the institute, to be appointed by the president with the approval of the board. Makes conforming changes.

Sec. 111.63.   New heading: ROLE AND SCOPE OF CENTER. Authorizes the center to conduct instructional and training programs according to the policies of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, rather than the Texas College and University System. Makes conforming changes.

Sec. 111.64.   CORRELATION OF PROGRAMS. Makes conforming and nonsubstantive changes.

Sec. 111.65.   RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS, PROPERTY, AND SERVICES. Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2.   Provides that the name of the University of Houston Institute for Urban Studies is changed to the University of Houston Center for Public Policy.

SECTION 3.   Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 4.   Emergency clause.