

## BILL ANALYSIS

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### DIGEST

Currently, Texas law does not provide for a Border Health Institute. H.B. 2025 establishes the Border Health Institute in El Paso, Texas, and sets forth the participating institutions and entities that will have representation on the institute's governing board. The purpose of the institute is to deliver health care or provide health education to persons living in the border region and conduct research in fields of study affecting public health in the boarder region.

### PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 2025 establishes the Border Health Institute.

### RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is granted to the governing board of the Border Health Institute in SECTION 1 (Section 151.004(b), Education Code) of this bill.

### SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Title 3H, Education Code, by adding Chapter 151, as follows:

#### CHAPTER 151. BORDER HEALTH INSTITUTE

Sec. 151.001. DEFINITION. Defines "institute."

Sec. 151.002. ESTABLISHMENT; PURPOSE. Provides that the Border Health Institute (institute) is established in the city of El Paso. Requires the institute to operate in a manner that facilitates or assists the activities of international, national, regional, or local health-related institutions working in the Texas-Mexico border region to deliver health care and conduct research.

Sec. 151.003. INSTITUTE MEMBERSHIP. Provides that the institute is composed of certain institutions. Authorizes the governing board of the institute (board) to adopt procedures for allowing additional entities to become members of the institute.

Sec. 151.004. ADMINISTRATION. Provides that the governing body of the institute is composed of the chief executive officer of each entity that is a member of the institute or the officer's designee. Provides that the board of the institute is responsible for the operation of the institute. Requires the board to adopt certain rules. Authorizes the board to employ an executive director of the institute and any other officer or employee necessary for the operation of the institute. Requires the board to meet, at least once a year, to review the progress of the institute and to determine the institute's actions in the next year.

Sec. 151.005. FUNDING. Authorizes the institute, in addition to any amount appropriated by the legislature, to apply for and accept funds from the federal government or any other public or private entity. Authorizes the institute or any member of the institute to also solicit and accept pledges, gifts, and endowments from private sources on the institute's behalf. Requires the board to manage and approve all disbursements of funds, and capital improvements constructed by the institute and any real property acquired by the institute.

Sec. 151.006. ANNUAL REPORTING. Requires the institute to provide to each member of the

governing board of the institute an annual audited financial statement and a status report of each project undertaken by the institute.

Sec. 151.007. COORDINATING BOARD SUPERVISION. Provides that the institute is subjected to the continuing supervision of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (coordinating board) under Chapter 61 and to the rules of the coordinating board adopted under Chapter 61.

SECTION 2. Requires the coordinating board, not later than January 1, 2001, to prepare an impact statement examining the initial implementation of this Act and to deliver a copy of the statement to the governing body of the institute and to the chairs of the standing committees of each house of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over higher education.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.

Effective date: upon passage.