

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) owns a 345.58 acre tract of primarily undeveloped property located on the northwest corner of FM Road 980 and State Highway 19, the appraised value of which is \$640,000. The property was used in the past for gravel excavation and as a recreational area for TDCJ personnel. There are cabins, restroom facilities, a well house, a fishcleaning shack, and a pavilion, all of which comprise the former TDCJ Recreational Campground area. None of the buildings are currently in use and most are in need of repair. There is also an existing State Archaeological Landmark, Designation Number 41WA2, located on the premises that occupies approximately 17 acres of the tract. H.B. 2944 sets forth provisions regarding the transfer of certain state property from TDCJ to the Board of Regents of the Texas State University System.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 2944 transfers of certain state property from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to the Board of Regents of the Texas State University System.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Requires the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), not later than January 31, 2000, to transfer to the Board of Regents of the Texas State University System (board) for use by Sam Houston State University (university) the real property described by Subsection (e) of this section. Requires TDCJ to transfer the property by an appropriate instrument of transfer (instrument). Sets forth provisions required to be included in the instrument. Requires TDCJ to retain custody of the instrument after the instrument is filed in the real property records of Walker County. Sets forth the legal description of the real property referred to in this SECTION.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage.