

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

Senate Research Center

C.S.S.B. 344  
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Higher Education  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **DIGEST**

Currently, Texas A&M University at Galveston is a special purpose institution of higher education for undergraduate instruction in marine and maritime studies in certain fields related to the general field of marine resources, but does not offer graduate studies. C.S.S.B. 344 provides graduate instruction at Texas A&M University at Galveston in certain fields relating to marine studies.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, C.S.S.B. 344 provides graduate level instruction at Texas A&M University at Galveston.

### **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 Section 87.201(a), Education Code, to provide that Texas A&M at Galveston is a special purpose institution of higher education for undergraduate and graduate instruction in certain fields.

SECTION 2. Authorizes Texas A&M University at Galveston to offer graduate instruction only if the institution's plans to offer graduate instruction have been reviewed and approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage.

### **SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES**

#### SECTION 2.

Authorizes Texas A&M University at Galveston to offer graduate instruction only if the institution's plans to offer graduate instruction have been reviewed and approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Redesignates SECTION 2 as SECTION 3.

#### SECTION 3.

Redesignates from SECTION 2.