

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

C.S.H.B. 2074 creates the East Williamson County Multi-Institutional Teaching Center (center). The center will be an extension of Temple College at Taylor and will provide a portfolio of educational and workforce opportunities for the citizens of rural east Williamson County. This bill authorizes the center to provide coordinated higher education opportunities to the residents of the region by offering academic credit courses and programs from the member institutions, including Temple College, Tarelton State, and Texas State Technical College--Waco. It also requires the member institutions of the center to work with the local community to identify and offer courses that will meet the educational and workforce needs of the region.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 130, Education Code, by adding Subchapter F, as follows:

SUBCHAPTER F. SPECIAL PROGRAMS OPERATED BY CERTAIN JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICTS

Sec. 130.091. DEFINITION. Defines "institution of higher education" for purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 130.092. EAST WILLIAMSON COUNTY MULTI-INSTITUTION TEACHING CENTER. (a) Authorizes the Temple Junior College District (district) to establish the East Williamson County Multi-Institution Teaching Center (center) in conjunction with at least one of the following institutions: Tarleton State University; Tarleton State University System Center--Central Texas; Texas State Technical College--Waco; or another public or private institution of higher education.

(b) Requires the center to provide coordinated higher education opportunities to the residents of the region in which the center is located by offering academic credit courses and programs from the member institutions of the center. Requires the center to be administered under a formal agreement entered into by the district with the other member institutions.

(c) Requires the member institutions of the center to work with the local community to work with the local community to identify and offer courses that will meet the educational and workforce development goals for the region served by the center.

(d) Authorizes the member institutions of the center, under the terms of the formal agreement, to make provisions for adequate physical facilities for use by the center.

(e) Authorizes the member institutions of the center to solicit, accept, and administer, on terms and conditions acceptable to the members, gifts, grants, or donations of any kind and from any source for use by the center.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.