

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Under current law, the board of regents of The Texas A&M University System (board) is authorized to grant The Former Students Association of Texas A&M University (association) a lease of surface area not to exceed five acres on the original main campus on which the association can construct and occupy a building for use consistent with the association's stated purposes. The association would like to lease an additional contiguous three acres for a new Aggie Ring Plaza, expanded parking and enhanced services for Texas A&M University and alumni. Since the current building was dedicated in 1987, the association staff has doubled, and the number of former students has nearly tripled, thus creating a need to expand.

H.B. 2834 increases the maximum amount of acreage that the board is authorized to lease to the association from five to eight acres.

### **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 Section 85.25(c)(2), Education Code, to provide that the board of regents of The Texas A&M University System is authorized to grant The Former Students Association of Texas A&M University a lease of surface area not to exceed eight, rather than five, acres on the original main campus for use by the, rather than by said, association to construct and occupy a building for use consistent with the association's stated purposes.

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