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H.B. No. 4528

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the establishment of law school at the University of
3 Texas at El Paso.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 78, Education Code, is amended by adding
6 Section 78.10 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 78.10 THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO SCHOOL OF LAW.

8 (a) The board shall establish and operate a school of law as a
9 professional school of The University of Texas at El Paso. The law
10 school shall be located in the City of El Paso.

11 (b) In administering the law school, the board may prescribe
12 courses leading to customary degrees offered at other leading
13 American schools of law and may award those degrees.

14 SECTION 2. Not later than June 1, 2010, the Texas Higher
15 Education Coordinating Board shall prepare a feasibility study to
16 assist the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System in
17 establishing the law school as provided by this Act.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.