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H.B. No. 4528

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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