

1-1 By: Zerwas, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Kolkhorst) H.B. No. 658
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 14, 2015;
 1-3 April 21, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher
 1-4 Education; May 7, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 7, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Seliger	X			
1-8 West	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Burton	X			
1-11 Menéndez			X	
1-12 Perry	X			
1-13 Watson	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the creation of a campus of the Texas State Technical
 1-18 College System in Fort Bend County.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 135.02(a), Education Code, is amended to
 1-21 read as follows:

1-22 (a) The Texas State Technical College System is composed of:

1-23 (1) a system office located in the city of Waco in
 1-24 McLennan County;

1-25 (2) a campus located in the city of Harlingen in
 1-26 Cameron County;

1-27 (3) a campus serving West Texas that operates as a
 1-28 collective unit of strategically positioned permanent locations in
 1-29 the city of Sweetwater in Nolan County, the city of Abilene in
 1-30 Taylor County, the city of Brownwood in Brown County, and the city
 1-31 of Breckenridge in Stephens County;

1-32 (4) a campus located in the city of Marshall in
 1-33 Harrison County;

1-34 (5) a campus located in the city of Waco in McLennan
 1-35 County;

1-36 (6) a campus located in Fort Bend County;

1-37 (7) an extension center located in Ellis County; and

1-38 (8) [~~(7)~~] campuses assigned to the system from time to
 1-39 time by specific legislative Act.

1-40 SECTION 2. Section 135.04(b), Education Code, is amended to
 1-41 read as follows:

1-42 (b) Before any program may be offered by a campus or
 1-43 extension center within the tax district of a public junior college
 1-44 that is operating a vocational and technical program, it must be
 1-45 established that the public junior college is not capable of
 1-46 offering or is unable to offer the program. After it is
 1-47 established that a need for the program exists and that the program
 1-48 is not locally available, the campus or extension center may offer
 1-49 the program, provided approval is secured from the coordinating
 1-50 board. Approval of technical-vocational programs under this
 1-51 section does not apply to Brown, McLennan, Cameron, Fort Bend, and
 1-52 Potter counties.

1-53 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-54 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-55 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-56 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-57 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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