

1-1 By: Muñoz, Jr., et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 1887
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2015;
 1-3 May 4, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher
 1-4 Education; May 22, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0;
 1-6 May 22, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Seliger	X			
1-9 West	X			
1-10 Bettencourt	X			
1-11 Burton	X			
1-12 Menéndez			X	
1-13 Perry	X			
1-14 Watson	X			

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1887 By: Menéndez

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the establishment of a regional center for public
 1-20 safety excellence in the Rio Grande Valley.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 130, Education Code, is
 1-23 amended by adding Section 130.093 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 130.093. REGIONAL CENTER FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EXCELLENCE.

1-25 (a) In this section:

1-26 (1) "Commission" means the Texas Commission on Law
 1-27 Enforcement ("TCOLE").

1-28 (2) "Regional center" means the regional center for
 1-29 public safety excellence established under this section.

1-30 (b) The regional center for public safety excellence is
 1-31 established to develop and provide education and training for law
 1-32 enforcement personnel in the Rio Grande Valley, including:

1-33 (1) education and training leading toward an
 1-34 associate of applied science degree or certificate or another
 1-35 public safety or law enforcement-related associate degree or
 1-36 certificate;

1-37 (2) TCOLE officer certification; and

1-38 (3) a continuing education certification.

1-39 (c) South Texas College shall administer the regional
 1-40 center in partnership with political subdivisions and
 1-41 participating school districts in the Rio Grande Valley. The
 1-42 headquarters of the regional center are located at South Texas
 1-43 College in Pharr, Texas. The regional center may use property and
 1-44 facilities at other locations in Hidalgo and Starr Counties.

1-45 (d) In developing its training programs and courses, the
 1-46 regional center shall ensure that the program or course curriculum
 1-47 satisfies any requirements imposed by the commission under
 1-48 Subchapter F, Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, for the regional
 1-49 center to operate as a commission-approved training provider under
 1-50 that chapter.

1-51 (e) The regional center may solicit and accept gifts and
 1-52 grants from any public or private source for purposes of this
 1-53 section. The legislature may appropriate money for purposes of
 1-54 this section.

1-55 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-56 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-57 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-58 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-59 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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