

CHAPTER 647

S.B. No. 923

An Act relating to partnerships between community/junior colleges and upper-level universities or centers; adding Subchapter L to Chapter 51, Education Code.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Chapter 51, Education Code, is amended by adding Subchapter L to read as follows:

"SUBCHAPTER L. PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGES AND UPPER-LEVEL UNIVERSITIES OR CENTERS

"Section 51.661. PURPOSE. The purpose of this subchapter is to encourage partnerships between public community/junior colleges and upper-level universities or centers which share common campuses in order to improve the continuity, quality, and efficiency of educational programs and services.

"Section 51.662. PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS. With the approval of the coordinating board, the governing boards of a public community/junior college and an upper-level university or center which share a common campus may enter into a partnership agreement designed to coordinate the management and operations of the institutions. The agreements shall in no way abrogate the powers and duties of the boards with regard to the governance of their respective institutions.

"Section 51.663. ADVISORY COMMITTEE. The governing boards of the participating institutions shall appoint an advisory committee composed of three members from each board. The committee shall study the needs of the community served by the institutions and shall make recommendations to the respective boards concerning the development of coordinated programs and services to meet those needs. The committee shall give particular attention to the continuity of curriculum offerings and to the joint use of faculty and staff, facilities, and library resources.

"Section 51.664. JOINT USE OF PERSONNEL. By interagency contract the governing boards of the participating institutions may fill by joint appointment any administrative, faculty, or support position necessary for the operation of the institutions. In such cases, salaries and benefits shall be prorated and paid from the funds of the respective institutions according to the share of each employee's responsibility to each institution.

"Section 51.665. SUPPORT SERVICES. By interagency contract the governing boards of the participating institutions may assign the management and operation of selected services to one of the institutions in order to achieve cost effectiveness. Such services include, but are not limited to, maintenance of building and grounds, operation of auxiliary enterprises, and operation of a jointly supported library.

"Section 51.666. FACILITIES. A participating upper-level university or center may lease facilities from the community/junior college for administrative and instructional purposes. Community/junior college facilities may not be transferred to the university or center and may not be included in the space inventory of the university or center for formula funding purposes.

"Section 51.667. STATE FUNDING. The community/junior college shall receive state appropriations on the same formula basis as other community/junior colleges, and the university or center shall receive state appropriations on the same formula basis as other upper-level senior colleges and universities.

"Section 51.668. CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES. A participating community/junior college must continue to provide programs and services enumerated in Subsection (e) of Section 130.003 of this code. The rule and scope of the participating university or center are subject to approval by the coordinating board."

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional

rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on April 10, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 0; passed the House on May 25, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Approved: June 14, 1985

Effective: Immediately