

CHAPTER 832

H.B. No. 227

AN ACT

relating to establishing the Center for Texas Beaches and Shores.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 86, Education Code, is amended by adding Subchapter E to read as follows:

*SUBCHAPTER E. OTHER COMPONENTS OF UNIVERSITY*

*Sec. 86.81. CENTER FOR TEXAS BEACHES AND SHORES. (a) The Center for Texas Beaches and Shores is a component of Texas A&M University.*

*(b) The center is under the management and direction of the board.*

*(c) The center shall:*

*(1) research problems at coastal conservation areas;*

- (2) *study the effects of nature and humans on coastal conservation areas;*
- (3) *develop ways to control the loss of shoreline in coastal conservation areas and to avoid ecological damage to coastal conservation areas using innovative technologies; and*
- (4) *cooperate and consult with the General Land Office and other state agencies to manage coastal conservation areas.*
- (d) *The board may employ personnel for the center, including experts in coastal engineering, marine geology, ecology, biology, and economics.*
- (e) *The board may accept a gift or grant from any public or private source for the benefit of the center.*
- (f) *In this section:*
  - (1) *“Center” means the Center for Texas Beaches and Shores.*
  - (2) *“Coastal conservation areas” has the meaning assigned by Section 33.052(d), Natural Resources Code.*

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 by the House on May 14, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 30, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 1993.

Effective Aug. 30, 1993, 90 days after date of adjournment.