

CHAPTER 901

S.B. No. 1184

AN ACT

relating to partnership between community/junior colleges and upper-level universities or centers located in the same state uniform service region.

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

SECTION 1. Section 51.661, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 51.661. PURPOSE. The purpose of this subchapter is to encourage partnerships between public community/junior colleges and upper-level universities or centers which *are*

*located in the same state uniform service region as adopted by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board* [~~share common campuses~~] in order to improve the continuity, quality, and efficiency of educational programs and services.

SECTION 2. Section 51.662, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 51.662. PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS. With the approval of the *Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board* [~~coordinating board~~], the governing boards of a public community/junior college and an upper-level university or center which *are located in the same state uniform service region as adopted by the coordinating board* [~~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 3. Section 51.666, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 51.666. FACILITIES. A participating upper-level university or center may lease facilities from *or to* 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 4. 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 May 10, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 26, 1993, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 19, 1993.

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