

CHAPTER 260

S.B. No. 6

AN ACT

relating to Laredo State University.

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

SECTION 1. Subsections (a) and (b), Section 87.501, Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) *Texas A&M International* [~~Laredo State~~] University is a coeducational upper-level educational institution located in the city of Laredo. The upper-level institution is a component institution of The Texas A&M University System and is under the management and control of the board of regents of The Texas A&M University System.

(b) The board has the same powers and duties concerning *Texas A&M International* [~~Laredo State~~] University as are conferred on it by statute concerning Texas A&M University.

SECTION 2. Effective September 1, 1995, Subsections (a) and (c), Section 87.501, Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) *Texas A&M International* [~~Laredo State~~] University is a coeducational [upper-level] educational institution located in the city of Laredo. The [upper-level] institution is a component institution of The Texas A&M University System and is under the management and control of the board of regents of The Texas A&M University System.

(c) The [upper-level] institution may teach *undergraduate or graduate* [only junior, senior, and master's] level courses.

SECTION 3. Subsections (d) and (e), Section 87.502, Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(d) The board shall adopt other rules for the operation, control, and management of *Texas A&M International* [~~Laredo State~~] University as may be necessary for the institution to be a first-class [upper-level] institution of higher education.

(e) The board may make joint faculty appointments in *Texas A&M International* [~~Laredo State~~] University and in other institutions under its governance. The salary of a person who receives a joint appointment shall be apportioned to the appointing institution on the basis of services rendered.

SECTION 4. Effective September 1, 1995, Subsections (a), (b), and (d), Section 87.502, Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The board, with the approval of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, may prescribe courses leading to customary degrees *as are offered at leading American educational institutions* and may award those degrees.

(b) The degrees offered by the [upper-level] institution may include [only] baccalaureate, [and] master's, and doctoral degrees and their equivalents.

(d) The board shall adopt other rules for the operation, control, and management of *Texas A&M International* [~~Laredo State~~] University as may be necessary for the institution to be a first-class [upper-level] institution of higher education.

SECTION 5. Section 87.502, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(f) *The board, with the approval of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, may contract with the governing board of another general academic teaching institution, as defined by Section 61.003 of this code, or with the governing board of a college or university in Mexico and Canada, to offer joint degree programs.*

SECTION 6. Section 87.503, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 87.503. GRADUATE SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE. Subject to the approval of the governing board of *Texas A&M International [Laredo State] University* and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, a graduate school of international trade at *Texas A&M International [Laredo State] University* shall be established.

SECTION 7. Subsection (a), Section 87.504, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The board shall establish a center for border economic and enterprise development at *Texas A&M International [Laredo State] University*.

SECTION 8. Effective September 1, 1995, Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 61.0592 to read as follows:

Sec. 61.0592. UPPER-LEVEL TRANSITION FUNDING FOR TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY. (a) *Notwithstanding Section 61.059 of this code, a formula adopted by the board under that section that provides a differential rate for each semester credit hour between four-year general academic teaching institutions and upper-level institutions shall be modified and applied as provided by this section to Texas A&M International University.*

(b) *In addition to other funding that Texas A&M International University is entitled to receive, the university is entitled to receive additional funds in accordance with this section.*

(c) *The formula for four-year general academic teaching institutions shall be applied to all lower-division semester credit hours.*

(d) *For the first two state fiscal years that begin after Texas A&M International University first admits lower-division students or offers lower-division courses, the formula for upper-level general academic teaching institutions shall be applied to upper-division semester credit hours at the university.*

(e) *Beginning with the third state fiscal year that begins after Texas A&M International University first admits lower-division students or offers lower-division courses, the formula for four-year general academic teaching institutions shall be applied to upper-division semester credit hours at the university, except that the board shall modify the formula to provide the university additional funding equal to a percent of the difference between the amount derived from the application of the four-year formula to the university's upper-division semester credit hours and the amount derived from the application of the upper-level formula to those semester credit hours. The percent to be applied to that difference is 87.5 percent for the first fiscal year to which this subsection applies and is reduced by 12.5 percentage points for each subsequent fiscal year.*

SECTION 9. The heading to Subchapter F, Chapter 87, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER F. *TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL*
[*LAREDO STATE*] UNIVERSITY

SECTION 10. Section 55.1712, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 55.1712. *TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL [LAREDO STATE] UNIVERSITY.* (a) The board of regents of The Texas A&M University System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, enlarge, and equip property, buildings, structures, facilities, roads, and related infrastructure for *Texas A&M International [Laredo State] University*.

(b) The board may finance those items listed under Subsection (a) of this section through the issuance of bonds under this subchapter and in accordance with its existing system-wide revenue financing program. The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of those bonds all or any part of the aggregate amount of student tuition charges required or

authorized by law to be imposed on students enrolled at *Texas A&M International [Laredo State] University*. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

(c) Bonds issued under this section may not be issued in an aggregate principal amount exceeding \$30 million.

SECTION 11. Section 61.055, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 61.055. INITIATION OF NEW DEPARTMENTS, SCHOOLS, AND PROGRAMS. *Except as otherwise provided by law, a [No] new department, school, or degree or certificate program approved by the board or its predecessor, the Texas Commission on Higher Education, may not be initiated by any institution of higher education until the board has made a written finding that the department, school, or degree or certificate program is adequately financed by legislative appropriation, by funds allocated by the board, or by funds from other sources.*

SECTION 12. Subsection (a), Section 62.021, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Each fiscal year, an eligible institution is entitled to receive an amount allocated in accordance with this section from funds appropriated by Article VII, Section 17(a), of the Constitution of Texas. The comptroller of public accounts shall distribute funds allocated under this subsection only on presentation of a claim and issuance of a warrant in accordance with Section 403.071, Government Code. The comptroller may not issue a warrant from any funds allocated under this subsection before the delivery of goods or services described in Section 17, Article VII, Texas Constitution, except for the payment of principal or interest on bonds or notes. The allocation of funds under this subsection is made in accordance with an equitable formula consisting of the following elements: space deficit, facilities condition, institutional complexity, separate allocation for medical units, and additional allocation for compliance with the Texas Desegregation Plan. The amounts allocated by such formula are as follows:

\$ 2,971,685	East Texas State University including East Texas State University at Texarkana;
\$ 7,125,680	Lamar University including Lamar University at Orange and Lamar University at Port Arthur;
\$ 1,645,885	Midwestern State University;
\$11,444,067	University of North Texas;
\$ 3,196,287	<i>The University of Texas—Pan American [University] and The University of Texas at Brownsville;</i>
\$ 5,152,124	Stephen F. Austin State University;
\$ 2,166,667	Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine;
\$19,724,411	Texas State University System Administration and the following component institutions: Angelo State University; Sam Houston State University; Southwest Texas State University; Sul Ross State University including Uvalde Study Center;
\$ 6,596,436	Texas Southern University (includes allocation of \$2,700,000 for compliance with Texas Desegregation Plan);
\$10,538,296	Texas Tech University;
\$ 4,333,333	Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center;
\$ 3,583,869	Texas Woman's University;
\$15,799,996	University of Houston System Administration and the following component institutions: University of Houston; University of Houston—Victoria; University of Houston—Clear Lake; University of Houston—Downtown;
\$ 3,636,316	[University System of South Texas System Administration and the following component institutions;] Corpus Christi State University; <i>Texas A&M International [Laredo State] University; Texas A&I University; and</i>

§ 2,084,948 West Texas State University.

SECTION 13. Subsection (e), Section 69.22, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) The center established under this section shall cooperate fully with similar programs operated by *Texas A&M International [Laredo State] University*, *The University of Texas—Pan American [University]*, and other institutions of higher education.

SECTION 14. Subsection (e), Section 77.36, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) The center established under this section shall cooperate fully with similar programs operated by The University of Texas at El Paso, *Texas A&M International [Laredo State] University*, and other institutions of higher education.

SECTION 15. Subsection (b), Section 481.060, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The electronic data base advisory committee is composed of:

(1) a representative from the center for border economic and enterprise development at The University of Texas at El Paso, appointed by the president of the university;

(2) a representative from the University of North Texas Institute for Regional Industrialization and Manufacturing Technology, appointed by the president of the university;

(3) a representative from the Bureau of Business Research at The University of Texas at Austin, appointed by the president of the university;

(4) a representative from the Texas Agriculture Market and Research Center, appointed by the president of Texas A&M University;

(5) a representative from The University of Texas at San Antonio, College of Business, division of management and marketing, appointed by the president of the university;

(6) a representative from The University of Texas-Pan American, appointed by the president of the university;

(7) a representative from *Texas A&M International [Laredo State] University*, appointed by the president of the university;

(8) a representative from Texas Tech University, appointed by the president of the university;

(9) a representative from the University of Houston, appointed by the president of the university;

(10) a representative from Lamar University, appointed by the president of the university; and

(11) persons appointed by the governor or the executive director of the department.

SECTION 16. Paragraph (A), Subdivision (5), Section 2, Chapter 421, Acts of the 63rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1973 (Article 6252-9b, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(A) "Appointed officer of a major state agency" means any of the following:

(i) a member of the Public Utility Commission of Texas;

(ii) a member of the Texas Department of Commerce;

(iii) a member of the Texas Board of Aviation;

(iv) a member of the Texas Air Control Board;

(v) a member of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission;

(vi) a member of the Finance Commission of Texas;

(vii) a member of the State Purchasing and General Services Commission;

(viii) a member of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice;

(ix) a member of the Board of Trustees of the Employees Retirement System of Texas;

(x) a member of the State Highway and Public Transportation Commission;

- (xi) a member of the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission;
- (xii) a member of the State Board of Insurance;
- (xiii) a member of the Parks and Wildlife Commission;
- (xiv) a member of the Public Safety Commission;
- (xv) the Secretary of State;
- (xvi) a member of the State Securities Board;
- (xvii) a member of the Texas Amusement Machine Commission;
- (xviii) a member of the Texas Water Development Board;
- (xix) a member of the Texas Water Commission;
- (xx) a member of the governing board of a state senior college or university as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, including The University of Texas at Arlington; The University of Texas at Austin; The University of Texas at Dallas; The University of Texas at El Paso; The University of Texas—Pan American; The University of Texas at ~~—Pan American—~~ Brownsville; The University of Texas of the Permian Basin; The University of Texas at San Antonio; The University of Texas at Tyler; The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas; The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston; The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston; The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio; The University of Texas System Cancer Center; The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler; Texas A&M University; Texas A&M University at Galveston; Prairie View A&M University; Tarleton State University; Corpus Christi State University; Texas A&I University; *Texas A&M International* [~~Laredo State~~] University; East Texas State University; East Texas State University at Texarkana; University of Houston; University of Houston—Clear Lake; University of Houston—Downtown; University of Houston—Victoria; Lamar University at Beaumont; Lamar University at Orange; Lamar University at Port Arthur; Midwestern State University; University of North Texas; Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine; Stephen F. Austin State University; Texas Southern University; Texas Tech University; Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center; Texas Woman's University; West Texas State University; Angelo State University; Sam Houston State University; Southwest Texas State University; Sul Ross State University; Sul Ross State University—Uvalde Center; Texas State Technical College [~~Institute~~]—Amarillo; Texas State Technical College [~~Institute~~]—Harlingen; Texas State Technical College [~~Institute~~]—Sweetwater; and Texas State Technical College [~~Institute~~]—Waco;
- (xxi) a member of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board;
- (xxii) a member of the Texas Employment Commission;
- (xxiii) a member of the State Banking Board;
- (xxiv) a member of the board of trustees of the Teachers Retirement System of Texas;
- (xxv) a member of the Credit Union Commission;
- (xxvi) a member of the School Land Board;
- (xxvii) a member of the board of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs;
- (xxviii) a member of the Texas Racing Commission;
- (xxix) a member of the State Board of Dental Examiners;
- (xxx) a member of the Texas Board of Licensure for Nursing Home Administrators;
- (xxxii) a member of the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners;
- (xxxiii) a member of the Board of Pardons and Paroles;
- (xxxiv) a member of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy;
- (xxxv) the Banking Commissioner of the Banking Department of Texas;
- (xxxvi) a member of the Department of Information Resources Governing Board;
- (xxxvii) the fire fighters' pension commissioner;
- (xxxviii) a member of the Texas Motor Vehicle Commission;

- (xxxviii) the director of the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System;
- (xxxix) the chief executive of the Office of Public Utility Counsel;
- (xl) a member of the Texas Real Estate Commission;
- (xli) a member of the board of directors and the executive director of the State Bar of Texas;
- (xlii) a member of the Bond Review Board;
- (xliii) a member of the Texas Board of Health;
- (xliv) a member of the Texas Board of Mental Health and Mental Retardation;
- (xlv) a member of the Texas Board on Aging;
- (xlvi) a member of the Texas Board of Human Services;
- (xlvii) a member of the Texas Funeral Service Commission;
- (xlviii) a member of the board of directors of a river authority created under the constitution or laws of this state;
- (xlix) the director of the lottery division in the office of the comptroller; or
- (l) the deputy in charge of the department of security in the lottery division in the office of the comptroller.

SECTION 17. (a) The name of Laredo State University is changed to Texas A&M International University.

(b) A reference in law to Laredo State University means Texas A&M International University.

(c) An appropriation for the use and benefit of Laredo State University is available for the use and benefit of Texas A&M International University.

(d) Before using new stationery or other supplies printed with the university's name as changed by this Act, the university shall use all stationery and other supplies that are printed with the university's former name and that are in its possession on the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 18. Except as otherwise provided by this Act, this Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

SECTION 19. 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 according to its terms, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on March 8, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0; the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 13, 1993, by a viva-voce vote; passed the House, with amendment, on May 11, 1993, by a non-record vote.

Approved May 23, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993, except §§ 2, 4, and 8, effective Sept. 1, 1995.