

CHAPTER 44

H.B. No. 1407

AN ACT

relating to state support for the National Center for Manufacturing Sciences.

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

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

SUBCHAPTER N. FUND FOR THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR  
MANUFACTURING SCIENCES

*Sec. 51.701. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The legislature finds that:*

*(1) strength in the manufacturing sector is critical to the United States' and Texas' international competitive position, as well as to the national security. Manufacturing has the highest economic multiplier of any industrial sector, contributing to economic growth and personal wealth. High technology manufacturing has the highest economic multiplier among manufacturing sectors;*

*(2) the health of the manufacturing sector is critical for economic growth in Texas. Texas, as a primary producer of raw materials, finds itself positioned to benefit tremendously from improvement and development of its manufacturing capabilities, even while the Texas economy suffers the consequences of having depended too heavily on production of raw materials alone; and*

*(3) manufacturing industry sales growth and productivity increases have been shown to move in direct relation to the performance of research and development by the industry.*

*Sec. 51.702. PURPOSE. It is the intent of the legislature that Texas accept the challenge of becoming the nation's centerpoint for advanced manufacturing technology development by aggressively pursuing the siting in Texas of the National Center for Manufacturing Sciences, proposed by the National Academy of Sciences and the Manufacturing Science Board, and initiated by the National Machine Tool Industry. With this centerpiece for advanced research and technology transfer in the area of manufacturing sciences, Texas could become a primary producer of high value-added products, with enormous benefits for the entire economy.*

*Sec. 51.703. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "fund" means the fund for the National Center for Manufacturing Sciences.*

*Sec. 51.704. FUND. (a) The fund for the National Center for Manufacturing Sciences is created as a special fund in the state treasury.*

*(b) The fund consists of:*

*(1) appropriations; and*

*(2) grants from industry and other sources.*

*(c) For each biennium the legislature may appropriate to the fund an amount equal to the amount of donations received from private sources for the biennium, not to exceed \$2 million per biennium.*

*(d) The state treasurer shall administer the fund until the center is located in Texas.*

*(e) The state treasurer may accept grants for the purpose of the fund.*

*Sec. 51.705. USE OF FUND. (a) When the National Center for Manufacturing Sciences is announced for location in Texas, the existing funds (and all subsequent funds) will be made available for use by the center in accordance with its charter.*

*(b) Should the center not be located in Texas, the industry grants will be returned to their source and the state's matching appropriation will be held for reappropriation by the legislature.*

**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 April 15, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting. Passed by the Senate on April 24, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved April 29, 1987.

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