

CHAPTER 1098

S.B. No. 1487

AN ACT

relating to the organization and operation of Texas A&M University at Galveston.

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

SECTION 1. Section 87.201, Education Code, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 87.201. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AT GALVESTON; *ROLE AND MISSION.*
(a) Texas A&M University at Galveston is a special purpose *institution of higher education* [school] for undergraduate instruction in *marine and maritime studies in science, engineering, and business and for research and public service* [~~the practice of seamanship, ship construction, naval architecture, wireless telegraph, engineering, the science of navigation, and undergraduate educational programs~~] related to the general field of marine resources. [~~Courses and programs are subject to prior approval by the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System.~~] The *institution* [school] is under the management and control of the board of regents of The Texas A&M University system, with degrees offered under the name and authority of Texas A&M University at College Station.

(b) *Texas A&M University at Galveston shall be a research institute supporting the marine sciences and oceanography academic degree programs at Texas A&M Univer-*

sity and The University of Texas at Austin. Research endeavors benefitting the academic strength of Texas A&M University and The University of Texas at Austin or the economic strength of the State of Texas shall be conducted, with emphasis on establishing and maintaining an internationally recognized research institute. The Galveston institute may also contract with other institutions of higher education to provide research and other related services. Texas A&M University at College Station and The University of Texas at Austin are authorized to offer upper-level and graduate courses in marine sciences and oceanography at the Galveston institute that are supportive to their marine sciences and oceanography academic programs. Funding for research should be from private sources, competitively acquired sources, and appropriated public funding.

SECTION 2. Section 87.202, Education Code, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 87.202. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. The board shall *have the same powers and duties with respect to this university as are conferred on it by statute with respect to Texas A&M University*;

- ~~[(1) employ a superintendent of the university, who shall also be commander;~~
- ~~[(2) employ instructors and the necessary employees and determine their number, duties, and compensation;~~
- ~~[(3) fix the terms and conditions under which pupils shall be received, instructed, and graduated;~~
- ~~[(4) arrange cruises to and from the harbors of Houston, Galveston, Beaumont, Port Arthur, and Corpus Christi; and~~
- ~~[(5) establish rules and regulations for the proper management of the university].~~

SECTION 3. Section 87.205, Education Code, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 87.205. FEES AND CHARGES. The fact that ~~[provision for the establishment of]~~ this university *offers United States Maritime Service Cadet (license-option)* ~~[is for the primary purpose of giving]~~ students practical and technical instruction in the arts and sciences relating to the foregoing subjects, and the further fact that training in these fields will lead to immediate *licensing in the United States Flag Fleet* and remunerative employment for those who have finished the prescribed courses, make it necessary that larger fees be charged *license-option* ~~[those]~~ students who enter the university than *are* ~~[is]~~ now paid by *non-license-option* students enrolled in state-supported institutions of higher education. Therefore, the provisions of Subchapter E, Chapter 54 of this Code, do not apply to the *license-option* students enrolled in the university. The board is specifically charged with the duty of assessing such fees and charges against the students who enter the university as may be necessary to provide for the maintenance and support of the university.

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 14, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0. Passed the House on May 29, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Approved June 20, 1987.

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