

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Under current law, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio is a medical school that provides biomedical education, training, and research, and The University of Texas at San Antonio is a general academic institution of higher education. Sharing biological and biomedical resources between these institutions may provide a bridge from undergraduate to graduate work for life sciences students. C.S.H.B. 1716 creates and establishes the San Antonio Life Science Institute to develop joint degree programs and joint research programs in the life sciences.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 75, Education Code, by adding Subchapter C, as follows:

Subchapter C. SAN ANTONIO LIFE SCIENCES INSTITUTE

Sec. 75.201. DEFINITIONS. Defines “board,” “health science center,” “institute,” and “university.”

Sec. 75.202. ESTABLISHMENT. Authorizes the board of regents of The University of Texas System (board) to establish and maintain the San Antonio Life Sciences Institute (institute) as a joint partnership of the health science center and The University of Texas at San Antonio (university).

Sec. 75.203. ROLE AND SCOPE. (a) Requires the institute to specialize in research and teaching in the life sciences.

(b) Requires the institute to develop joint degree programs and joint research programs for the health science center and the university.

(c) Authorizes the institute to accept gifts, grants, and donations from any source for the purposes of the program. Authorizes the institute to develop or use land, buildings, equipment, facilities, and other improvements in connection with the program. Authorizes the institute, to the extent that any funds are appropriated in the General Appropriations Act by the 77th Legislature, to accept any amount authorized.

(d) Requires the institute to seek private and federal funding to support operation and management of the institute.

Sec. 75.204. OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT. (a) Provides that the administration of the institute is under the direction of the chancellor of The University of Texas System and the

board through the presidents of the health science center and the university.

(b) Authorizes the costs of the operation and management of the institute to be paid from money appropriated for that purpose and from other money from any public or private source. Requires the institute to retain all indirect costs received or recovered under a grant or contract.

(c) Authorizes the board to make joint appointments of faculty or other personnel to the institute and to either or both the health science center and the university. Requires the salary of a person receiving a joint appointment to be apportioned on the basis of services rendered.

(d) Requires the institute to be located in facilities determined appropriate by the board.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.