

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 2840
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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

For many years, the residents of Texarkana have attempted to bring a four-year academic institution to their city. Texarkana currently has Texas A&M University-Texarkana, established by the legislature in 1971 as an upper level university serving junior, senior, and graduate students, and Texarkana College, a two-year public community college. As proposed, H.B. 2840 authorizes the establishment of a partnership agreement between Texas A&M University-Texarkana and the Texarkana College District and allows a student enrolled at Texarkana College to simultaneously enroll at Texas A&M University-Texarkana as long as the student meets the requirements for enrollment.

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 Section 87.571, Education Code, as follows:

Sec. 87.571. New heading: ESTABLISHMENT; POWERS AND DUTIES. Provides that Texas A&M University - Texarkana (university), rather than East Texas State University at Texarkana, is a coeducational upper-level institution of higher education located in the City of Texarkana. Authorizes the university to enter into a partnership agreement with Texarkana College District in the manner authorized by Chapter 51N. Authorizes a student enrolled at Texarkana College to be simultaneously enrolled at the university as long as the student meets the requirements for enrollment at the university.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.