

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Texas State Technical College (TSTC) is a co-educational two-year institution of higher education offering courses of study in technical vocational education for which there is demand within the State of Texas. TSTC operates ten campuses in Texas. Under Section 135.02, Education Code, campus locations are confined to specific cities within identified counties.

Currently, TSTC's Red Oak campus is authorized only to operate within the city of Red Oak in Ellis County. This restriction hinders TSTC's ability to expand its infrastructure outside the city limits of Red Oak.

S.B. 601 amends Section 135.02(a)(7), Education Code, to allow TSTC to operate its Red Oak campus anywhere within Ellis County. This allows the institution to expand its infrastructure outside the city limits of Red Oak to accommodate a growing student body.

As proposed, S.B. 601 amends current law relating to a campus of the Texas State Technical College System located in Ellis County.

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 135.02(a), Education Code, to provide that the Texas State Technical College System is composed of certain entities, including a campus that operates as a collective unit of one or more locations in Ellis County, rather than a campus located in the city of Red Oak in Ellis County.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2023.