

SB 296 by Madla

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY – SAN ANTONIO Enrollment Threshold

Only in existence for three years, the explosion of student enrollment has forced the Texas A&M University-Kingsville System Center-San Antonio to utilize eight portable buildings as well as to fully maximize existing classroom space. During the 2001 Legislative Session, they were appropriated \$4.2 million for infrastructure planning, curriculum development, and faculty recruitment.

SB 800, creating the long-term goal of transforming this institution to a fully-functioning, 4-year, general academic institution as the Texas A&M University-San Antonio, was passed in the 78th Legislature. Its authors were Senators Frank Madla, Leticia Van de Putte and Judith Zaffirini. Once enrollment thresholds are met and certified by the Coordinating Board, the Texas A&M University--Kingsville System Center---San Antonio will become Texas A&M University-San Antonio.

Although SB 800 lowered the enrollment threshold from 3,500 students to 2,500 students for the Center to transform into a stand-alone institution, the dilemma now is that, with limited space and students currently forced to attend classes in portable buildings, the campus is not able to expand to meet that requirement without additional funding for additional classrooms and additional faculty. Money would be better spent securing the institution's ultimate goal as a fully functional, 4-year, institution. This could be more readily accomplished if their enrollment threshold is lowered to 1,000 full-time equivalents in any one semester.

Also requested during this legislative session is the pre-authorization to **issue tuition revenue bonds** in order to raise capital for the first phase of construction for Texas A&M University–San Antonio. 650-acres have already been selected and will be donated for this campus.

- SB 296 is contingent upon passage of the Tuition Revenue Bonds;
- If the TRB funds request is not approved, the enrollment threshold will remain at 2,500;
- **Doors on the proposed 4-year campus will not open earlier than 2009.**

Note: Texas A&M University-San Antonio (UTSA) will provide additional capacity to meet a growing need in higher education in Bexar and surrounding counties. In 2003, the Coordinating Board projected a space deficit of 996,000 square feet in San Antonio if *Closing the Gaps* enrollment goals are met.

- Current enrollment is 960; full-time students, 543.
- Proposed campus is 30 miles from UTSA main campus; 12 miles from UTSA Downtown Campus.
- UTSA Downtown Campus does not offer a full-range of courses, and students often find themselves having to attend some of their classes at the main campus which is especially difficult for Southside residents.

In its impact statement for SB 800, the Coordinating Board stated, “Even if UTSA lets its enrollment increase from its current levels (22,000 in Fall 2004) to 30,000 to 35,000, there is still likely to be additional demand for higher education services than would need to be met by independent institutions or a new public university.”

SOUTH, S.East, S.West Bexar County and Contiguous Counties South of Bexar County: High School Enrollment/Graduation Rates

	County	Graduation Rate		Enrollment by Grade					African American		Hispanic		Native American		Asi
		%	#	10th	11th	12th	#	%	#	%	#	%			
Bandera ISD	Bandera	94.0%	158	240	179	156	27	1.0%	554	21.0%	17	0.6%			
Boerne ISD	Kendall	93.8%	350	479	377	351	30	0.6%	1023	19.0%	18	0.3%			
Charlotte ISD	Atascosa	94.4%	34	30	30	27	0	0.0%	436	84.0%	0	0.0%			
Devine ISD	Medina	94.0%	125	146	123	140	27	1.4%	1024	52.0%	6	0.3%			
D'Hanis ISD	Medina	90.9%	20	23	26	18	1	0.3%	142	49.0%	0	0.0%			
Dilleys ISD	Frio	79.2%	57	52	57	36	5	0.6%	709	84.0%	0	0.0%			
Eagle Pass ISD	Maverick	87.3%	611	866	801	681	11	0.1%	13108	97.0%	181	1.3%			
East Central ISD	Bexar	90.3%	521	609	527	398	865	11.0%	4039	51.0%	21	0.3%			
Edgewood ISD	Bexar	88.8%	636	902	655	635	197	1.5%	12545	97.0%	37	0.1%			
Floresville ISD	Wilson	94.2%	243	301	232	239	70	2.0%	2061	58.0%	5	0.1%			
Hondo ISD	Medina	87.1%	122	193	138	121	33	1.5%	1370	63.0%	2	0.1%			
Jourdanton ISD	Atascosa	91.5%	75	101	80	81	6	0.5%	737	58.0%	3	0.2%			
Judson ISD	Bexar	91.6%	943	1253	1339	878	4591	26.0%	7551	42.0%	65	0.4%			
Knippa ISD	Uvalde	92.3%	12	20	7	14	2	0.8%	103	42.0%	0	0.0%			
La Vernia ISD	Wilson	91.4%	128	205	195	136	28	1.2%	478	20.0%	6	0.2%			
Lackland ISD	Bexas	100.0%	38	42	31	40	201	2.0%	188	19.0%	9	0.9%			
Leakey ISD	Real	95.7%	22	25	17	23	3	1.1%	75	27.0%	0	0.0%			
Lyle ISD	Atascosa	97.8%	89	89	114	81	3	0.2%	1113	72.0%	6	0.4%			
Marion ISD	Guadalupe	95.0%	76	117	113	87	53	3.8%	404	29.0%	6	0.4%			
Medina ISD	Bandera	100.0%	31	25	35	19	7	2.0%	49	14.0%	3	0.9%			
Medina Valley ISD	Medina	96.5%	222	241	218	233	40	1.3%	1490	50.0%	17	0.6%			
Natalia ISD	Medina	95.8%	68	92	74	62	13	1.1%	909	74.0%	8	0.7%			
Navarro ISD	Guadalupe	98.6%	69	91	85	86	38	2.8%	513	38.0%	1	0.1%			
Nueces Canyon Consol	Edwards	96.8%	30	24	27	20	4	1.2%	120	36.0%	4	1.2%			
Pearsall ISD	Frio	96.7%	119	141	152	146	8	0.3%	2023	88.0%	1	0.0%			
Pleasanton ISD	Atascosa	95.2%	240	246	235	208	36	1.0%	2240	64.0%	4	0.1%			
Potter ISD	Atascosa	97.0%	97	143	117	107	8	0.5%	1399	83.0%	5	0.3%			
Poth ISD	Wilson	89.5%	51	53	54	36	6	0.8%	334	46.0%	0	0.0%			
Rocksprings ISD	Edwards	92.0%	23	25	25	27	5	1.4%	277	77.0%	0	0.0%			
Sabinal ISD	Uvalde	94.1%	32	42	34	42	6	1.1%	385	69.0%	3	0.5%			
San Antonio ISD	Bexar	89.0%	2777	3490	3153	2867	5009	8.8%	49653	87.0%	39	0.1%			
Schertz-Cibolo-Universa	Guadalupe	97.0%	509	588	553	470	741	10.0%	1848	25.0%	23	0.3%			
Seguin ISD	Guadalupe	91.7%	477	591	452	434	585	7.7%	4517	59.0%	20	0.3%			
Somerset ISD	Bexar	94.8%	163	208	180	165	53	1.6%	2694	82.0%	3	0.1%			
South San Antonio ISD	Bexar	89.6%	544	665	544	473	146	1.5%	9484	95.0%	12	0.1%			
Southside ISD	Bexar	94.9%	260	298	272	238	76	1.5%	3842	82.0%	5	0.1%			
Southwest ISD	Bexar	90.9%	510	656	607	495	354	3.7%	8379	87.0%	9	0.1%			
Stockdale ISD	Wilson	98.3%	58	68	43	65	16	2.1%	300	39.0%	1	0.1%			
Utopia ISD	Uvalde	95.5%	21	17	20	19	21	0.4%	4529	86.0%	6	0.1%			
Uvalde Cons ISD	Uvalde	89.3%	309	379	340	271	1	0.5%	36	18.0%	0	0.0%			
TOTALS			36,662	13,776	12,261	10,625									

This graduation rate and number consists of students who graduated or continued high school.

Fall 2003 Total Enrollment by Ethnicity

South Texas Public Community, Technical, and State Colleges

	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Indian	Internatl'	Unknown	Total
ACCD NW VISTA COLLEGE	3,571	435	3,597	257	50	19	0	7,929
ACCD PALO ALTO COLLEGE	2,398	141	5,065	76	26	21	0	7,727
ACCD SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE	9,323	1,061	10,771	528	102	324	0	22,109
ACCD ST. PHILIP'S COLLEGE	2,889	1,696	5,062	178	44	11	0	9,880
COASTAL BEND COLLEGE	1,177	162	2,103	16	16	3	27	3,504
DEL MAR COLLEGE	4,292	259	6,478	148	11	101	0	11,289
LAREDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE	130	15	7,474	21	3	252	11	7,906
SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE	589	8	14,317	115	5	67	127	15,228
SOUTHWEST TEXAS JUNIOR COLLEGE	800	86	3,805	18	12	14	18	4,753
TEXAS SOUTHWEST COLLEGE	370	15	7,745	35	7	157	25	8,352
TEXAS STATE T.C. HARLINGEN	437	17	3,403	10	4	211	0	4,082
VICTORIA COLLEGE, THE	2,678	183	1,294	58	14	14	0	4,224
TOTAL	28,654	4,078	71,114	1,460	294	1,194	208	107,002