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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the establishment of an innovative workforce training
3 center in the Rio Grande Valley.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 130, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 130.094 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 130.094. INNOVATIVE WORKFORCE TRAINING CENTER. (a) In
8 this section, "training center" means the Innovative Workforce
9 Training Center established under this section.

10 (b) The Innovative Workforce Training Center is established
11 to develop and provide initial and continuing education and
12 training for workers in the Rio Grande Valley, including education
13 and training in the following specific areas:

14 (1) welding;

17 (3) installing electrical systems:

20 (5) mechatronics.

21 (c) Texas Southmost College shall administer the training
22 center. The headquarters of the training center are located at
23 Texas Southmost College in Brownsville. The training center may
24 use property and facilities owned or leased by Texas Southmost

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1 College.

2 (d) The training center may solicit and accept gifts and
3 grants from any public or private source for purposes of this
4 section. The legislature may appropriate money for purposes of
5 this section.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.