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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of land in Jones State Forest for academic and economic purposes.

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

SECTION 1. Section 88.1015, Education Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (4) to read as follows:

(4) "Jones State Forest" means the real property owned by The Texas A&M University System consisting of approximately 1,733 acres in Montgomery County and referred to as the William Goodrich Jones State Forest.

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 88, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 88.1085 to read as follows:

Sec. 88.1085. USE OF LAND IN JONES STATE FOREST.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision in this subchapter, the board may use or lease land in Jones State Forest for the construction of buildings or improvements for multipurpose uses, including academic, research, and private commercial uses, when in its judgment it is advantageous to the state to do so.

(b) Net profits accruing from use or lease of land in Jones State Forest under the authority of this section shall be used at the discretion of the board.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.