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COLLEGE STATION, Texas - Two new independent universities have joined The Texas A&M University System, increasing the total number of institutions in the system to 11.

The new universities are Texas A&M University-Central Texas and Texas A&M University-San Antonio.

The former system centers had been part of Tarleton State University and Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

"We are very proud of all the work that has gone into making independent A&M System universities in Killeen and San Antonio a reality. These universities will not only bring jobs to Killeen and San Antonio, but also provide local residents easy access to a quality, affordable university education," said Morris Foster, chairman of the Board of Regents.

Gov. Rick Perry said that Texas is a state on the upswing.

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"As our population continues to grow and we work to remain competitive in the global marketplace, we need to make sure we have the higher education opportunities in place to groom the workforce of the next 50 years," Perry said at a ceremony at the Capitol signing the bill making the expansion possible.

Texas A&M University-Commerce joined The Texas A&M University System in 1996 and is the fifth oldest state university in Texas.