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H.B. No. 2000

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to fund capital projects at public institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 55, Education Code, is amended by adding Sections 55.1791, 55.1792, 55.1793, 55.1794, 55.1795, 55.1796, 55.1797, 55.1798, 55.1799, and 55.17992 to read as follows:

Sec. 55.1791. THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the board of regents of The Texas A&M University System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

(1) Prairie View A&M University, \$60 million for construction of an engineering classroom and research building;

(2) Tarleton State University, \$72 million for construction of an agricultural and natural resources building;

(3) Texas A&M University, \$75 million for construction of an instructional laboratory and innovative learning facility;

1           (4) Texas A&M University--Central Texas, \$25 million  
2 for construction of a central utility plant;

3           (5) Texas A&M University--Commerce, \$49.5 million for  
4 construction of an agriculture multipurpose education and training  
5 center;

6           (6) Texas A&M University--Corpus Christi, \$58.5  
7 million for construction of an arts and media building;

8           (7) Texas A&M University at Galveston, \$58,349,500 for  
9 construction of an immersive scholarship and learning environment  
10 building, a central plant, and campus infrastructure;

11           (8) Texas A&M International University, \$9 million for  
12 renovation of and additions to the fine and performing arts  
13 building;

14           (9) Texas A&M University--Kingsville, \$65 million for  
15 construction of a STEM and health professions workforce development  
16 complex;

17           (10) Texas A&M University--San Antonio, \$53 million  
18 for construction of an academic and library building;

19           (11) Texas A&M University--Texarkana, \$46 million for  
20 construction of a business, engineering, and technology building;

21           (12) West Texas A&M University, \$28.5 million for  
22 capital improvements to address life and fire safety issues; and

23           (13) The Texas A&M University System Health Science  
24 Center, \$100 million for a joint project with The University of  
25 Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center and The University of Texas  
26 Health Science Center at Houston for construction of a biomedical  
27 research facility.

1        (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
2 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
3 an institution, branch, or entity of The Texas A&M University  
4 System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge  
5 made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the  
6 bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those  
7 bonds, are outstanding.

8        (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to  
9 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer  
10 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of The Texas A&M  
11 University System to ensure the most equitable and efficient  
12 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or  
13 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

14        Sec. 55.1792. THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL  
15 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this  
16 subchapter, the board of regents of The University of Texas System  
17 may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or  
18 equip property and facilities, including roads and related  
19 infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of  
20 bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a  
21 systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board for the  
22 following institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate  
23 principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

24                (1) The University of Texas at Arlington, \$60.8  
25 million for construction of a social work and college of nursing  
26 academic building;

27                (2) The University of Texas at Austin, \$100 million

1 for restoration of the J. T. Patterson Labs building;

2 (3) The University of Texas at Dallas, \$60 million for  
3 a joint project with The University of Texas Southwestern Medical  
4 Center at Dallas for construction of a transitional biomedical  
5 engineering and science building;

6 (4) The University of Texas at El Paso, \$100 million  
7 for construction of an advanced teaching and learning complex;

8 (5) The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, \$40  
9 million for improvement and renovation of the Mesa building;

10 (6) The University of Texas--Rio Grande Valley, \$70  
11 million for construction of a health affairs building;

12 (7) The University of Texas at San Antonio, \$100  
13 million for construction of a college of business building;

14 (8) The University of Texas at Tyler, \$50 million for  
15 construction of a college of nursing and health science building;

16 (9) The University of Texas Health Science Center at  
17 Houston, \$100 million for a joint project with The Texas A&M  
18 University System Health Science Center and The University of Texas  
19 M. D. Anderson Cancer Center for construction of a biomedical  
20 research facility;

21 (10) The University of Texas Health Science Center at  
22 San Antonio, \$82 million for construction of the Glenn Biggs  
23 Institute for Alzheimer's & Neurodegenerative Diseases building;

24 (11) The University of Texas Health Science Center at  
25 Tyler, \$18,521,432 for improvement and renovation of a biomedical  
26 research building;

27 (12) The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer

1 Center, \$100 million for a joint project with The Texas A&M  
2 University System Health Science Center and The University of Texas  
3 Health Science Center at Houston for construction of a biomedical  
4 research facility;

5 (13) The University of Texas Medical Branch at  
6 Galveston, \$100 million for construction of an education and  
7 clinical multiuse building; and

8 (14) The University of Texas Southwestern Medical  
9 Center at Dallas, \$60 million for a joint project with The  
10 University of Texas at Dallas for construction of a transitional  
11 biomedical engineering and science building.

12 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
13 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
14 an institution, branch, or entity of The University of Texas  
15 System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge  
16 made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the  
17 bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those  
18 bonds, are outstanding.

19 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to  
20 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer  
21 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of The University  
22 of Texas System to ensure the most equitable and efficient  
23 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or  
24 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

25 Sec. 55.1793. UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL  
26 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this  
27 subchapter, the board of regents of the University of Houston

System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board for the following entity and institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

(1) the University of Houston System, \$75 million for the repair and renovation of the campus located in Katy, Texas;

(2) the University of Houston, \$60 million for construction of a law center building;

(3) the University of Houston--Clear Lake, \$56 million for Phase II of the STEM and classroom building construction;

(4) the University of Houston--Downtown, \$100 million for construction of an arts, sciences, engineering, and entrepreneurship center; and

(5) the University of Houston--Victoria, \$74.7 million for campus expansion.

(b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of an institution, branch, or entity of the University of Houston System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

(c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to

meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the University of Houston System to ensure the most equitable and efficient allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

Sec. 55.1794. TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the board of regents of the Texas State University System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

(1) Lamar University, \$45 million for construction of a digital learning center;

(2) Lamar State College--Orange, \$32 million for construction of an academic building;

(3) Lamar State College--Port Arthur, \$20 million for construction of an allied health building;

(4) Lamar Institute of Technology, \$20 million for construction of a workforce training center;

(5) Sam Houston State University, \$70 million for construction of an allied health building;

(6) Sul Ross State University, \$25.5 million for

expansion of the fine arts facility;

(7) Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College, \$20 million for construction of an education center located in Eagle Pass, Texas; and

(8) Texas State University, \$100 million for construction of a STEM classroom building located in San Marcos, Texas.

(b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of an institution, branch, or entity of the Texas State University System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

(c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the Texas State University System to ensure the most equitable and efficient allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

Sec. 55.1795. UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the board of regents of the University of North Texas System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in



1 accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by  
2 the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the  
3 following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified,  
4 as follows:

5 (1) the University of North Texas, \$100 million for  
6 construction of a science and technology research building;

7 (2) the University of North Texas at Dallas, \$92  
8 million for construction of a STEM building; and

9 (3) the University of North Texas Health Science  
10 Center at Fort Worth, \$100 million for construction of an academic  
11 building.

12 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
13 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
14 an institution, branch, or entity of the University of North Texas  
15 System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge  
16 made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the  
17 bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those  
18 bonds, are outstanding.

19 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to  
20 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer  
21 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the University  
22 of North Texas System to ensure the most equitable and efficient  
23 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or  
24 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

25 Sec. 55.1796. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY; ADDITIONAL BONDS.

26 (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter,  
27 the board of regents of Texas Woman's University may acquire,

1 purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property  
2 and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for a  
3 health sciences center, to be financed through the issuance of  
4 bonds in accordance with this subchapter, not to exceed the  
5 aggregate principal amount of \$100 million.

6 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
7 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
8 Texas Woman's University, including student tuition charges. The  
9 amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or  
10 abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds  
11 issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

12 Sec. 55.1797. MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY; ADDITIONAL  
13 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this  
14 subchapter, the board of regents of Midwestern State University may  
15 acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip  
16 property and facilities, including roads and related  
17 infrastructure, for infrastructure upgrades, to be financed  
18 through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter,  
19 not to exceed the aggregate principal amount of \$10 million.

20 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
21 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
22 Midwestern State University, including student tuition charges.  
23 The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced  
24 or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds  
25 issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

26 Sec. 55.1798. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY;  
27 ADDITIONAL BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted

1 by this subchapter, the board of regents of Stephen F. Austin State  
2 University may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate,  
3 enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and  
4 related infrastructure, for a natural resources science and  
5 innovations laboratory, to be financed through the issuance of  
6 bonds in accordance with this subchapter, not to exceed the  
7 aggregate principal amount of \$48 million.

8 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
9 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
10 Stephen F. Austin State University, including student tuition  
11 charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not  
12 be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is  
13 made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

14 Sec. 55.1799. TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL  
15 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this  
16 subchapter, the board of regents of the Texas Tech University  
17 System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate,  
18 enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and  
19 related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the  
20 issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in  
21 accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by  
22 the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the  
23 following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified,  
24 as follows:

25 (1) Angelo State University, \$22.5 million for  
26 construction of a college of arts and humanities building;

27 (2) Texas Tech University, \$100 million for

1 construction of a science and engineering complex;

2 (3) Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center,  
3 \$34,650,000 for expansion of the academic and clinic building  
4 located in Amarillo, Texas; and

5 (4) Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El  
6 Paso, \$92,349,000 for construction of a dental school building.

7 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds  
8 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of  
9 an institution, branch, or entity of the Texas Tech University  
10 System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge  
11 made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the  
12 bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those  
13 bonds, are outstanding.

14 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to  
15 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer  
16 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the Texas Tech  
17 University System to ensure the most equitable and efficient  
18 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or  
19 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

20 Sec. 55.17992. TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM. (a)  
21 In addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the  
22 board of regents of the Texas State Technical College System may  
23 acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip  
24 property and facilities, including roads and related  
25 infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of  
26 bonds in accordance with this subchapter for the following entity  
27 and institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate principal

amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

(1) Texas State Technical College System, \$16.5 million for Phase II of the industrial technology center located in Williamson County;

(2) Texas State Technical College--Fort Bend, \$30,377,000 for Phase III of the campus construction;

(3) Texas State Technical College--Harlingen, \$20 million for construction of an industrial technology center;

(4) Texas State Technical College--Marshall, \$8,572,000 for consolidation construction for a single campus;

(5) Texas State Technical College--North Texas, \$10,938,000 for Phase II of the new campus construction;

(6) Texas State Technical College--Waco, \$20 million for construction of a computer technology center; and

(7) Texas State Technical College--West Texas, \$28,177,000 for Phase II of the Abilene campus construction.

(b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of an institution, branch, or entity of the Texas State Technical College System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

(c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the Texas State Technical College System to ensure the most equitable and efficient

1 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or  
2 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

3       SECTION 2. This Act does not affect any authority or  
4 restriction regarding the activities that a public institution of  
5 higher education may conduct in connection with a facility financed  
6 by bonds authorized by this Act.

7       SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.