

1-1 By: Schwertner S.B. No. 1468
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 20, 2025; March 6, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce;
1-4 April 14, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0; April 14, 2025,
1-6 sent to printer.)

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| 1-7 | COMMITTEE VOTE | | | | |
| 1-8 | | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
| 1-9 | Schwertner | X | | | |
| 1-10 | King | | | X | |
| 1-11 | Blanco | X | | | |
| 1-12 | Campbell | X | | | |
| 1-13 | Creighton | X | | | |
| 1-14 | Johnson | X | | | |
| 1-15 | Kolkhorst | X | | | |
| 1-16 | Menéndez | X | | | |
| 1-17 | Middleton | X | | | |
| 1-18 | Nichols | X | | | |
| 1-19 | Zaffirini | X | | | |

1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1468 By: Schwertner

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to the authority of the board of regents of The Texas A&M
1-24 University System to construct, acquire, improve, extend, and equip
1-25 utility systems located on university system property.
1-26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-27 SECTION 1. Section 85.24, Education Code, is amended to
1-28 read as follows:
1-29 Sec. 85.24. UTILITIES. (a) The board [~~from time to time~~]
1-30 may improve and equip existing [~~central~~] power plants and may
1-31 construct, acquire, improve, and equip steam plants and additions
1-32 to steam plants. For the purposes of this subsection, [~~them, and~~]
1-33 the board may acquire property [~~land for these purposes~~] for the
1-34 institutions under its control[~~7~~] when the total cost, type of
1-35 construction, capacity, and plans and specifications have been
1-36 approved by the board. As used in this section [~~subsection~~], "steam
1-37 plants" does not include electrical generating facilities, but
1-38 "[~~central~~] power plants" does include electrical generating
1-39 facilities.
1-40 (b) The board [~~from time to time~~] may construct, extend, and
1-41 improve the water systems and[~~7~~] sewer systems[~~7, or both,~~] for [~~any~~
1-42 ~~or~~] all institutions under its control[~~7~~] when the total cost, type
1-43 of construction, capacity, and plans and specifications have been
1-44 approved by the board.
1-45 (c) The board may provide [~~furnish~~] water, sewer, steam,
1-46 power, electricity, or any combination [~~or all~~] of those services
1-47 from the [~~power and steam plant or~~] plants and other facilities
1-48 located at each institution to [~~any or~~] all [~~dormitories, kitchens~~
1-49 ~~and dining halls, hospitals, student activity buildings,~~
1-50 ~~gymnasiums, athletic buildings and stadiums, the dormitory for~~
1-51 ~~help, laundry, and other~~] buildings or facilities that [~~may~~] have
1-52 been or may be constructed at each institution, and may determine
1-53 the amount to be charged as a part of the maintenance and operation
1-54 expense of those buildings or facilities for the service or
1-55 services. The board may allocate the cost of providing
1-56 [~~furnishing~~] the services to revenue-producing buildings and
1-57 facilities and to other buildings and facilities at the
1-58 institutions. The board may pledge the net revenues from the
1-59 amounts thus received for the services to pay the principal of and
1-60 interest on, and to create and maintain the reserve for, the

2-1 negotiable revenue bonds issued for the purpose of constructing,
2-2 acquiring, improving, extending, or equipping the power and steam
2-3 plants, or additions thereto, or other facilities, and may secure
2-4 the bonds additionally by pledging rentals, rates, charges, and
2-5 fees for the use or availability of all or any property, buildings,
2-6 structures, activities, operations, or facilities, of any nature,
2-7 which may be fixed and collected from all or any designated part of
2-8 the students enrolled in the institution or institutions or from
2-9 others in the amounts and in the manner determined and provided by
2-10 the board in the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds.

2-11 (d) In addition to the authority granted to the board under
2-12 Subsections (a) and (b), the board may construct and acquire power
2-13 plants, and additions to power plants, located on university system
2-14 property in Brazos County and may acquire water systems and sewer
2-15 systems located on university system property in Brazos County.

2-16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-20 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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