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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 55, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Sections 55.1781, 55.1782, 55.1783, 55.1784,
7 55.1785, 55.1786, 55.1787, 55.1788, 55.1789, 55.17891, and
8 55.17892 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 55.1781. THE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL
10 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this
11 subchapter, the board of regents of The Texas A&M University System
12 may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or
13 equip property and facilities, including roads and related
14 infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of
15 bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in accordance with a
16 systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board for the
17 following institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate
18 principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

19 (1) Texas A&M University--Commerce, \$48 million for
20 construction of a nursing and health sciences building;

21 (2) Texas A&M University--Corpus Christi, \$60 million
22 for construction of a life sciences research and engineering
23 building;

24 (3) Texas A&M University--Kingsville, \$60 million for

1 an educational complex;

2 (4) Texas A&M University--Texarkana, \$32 million for
3 construction of an academic and student services building;

4 (5) West Texas A&M University:

5 (A) \$38,160,000 for construction of an
6 agricultural sciences complex; and

7 (B) \$7,200,000 for renovation of the Amarillo
8 Center;

9 (6) The Texas A&M University System Health Science
10 Center:

11 (A) \$72 million for construction of a dental
12 clinic facility at the Baylor College of Dentistry; and

13 (B) \$72 million for construction of a
14 multidisciplinary research and education facility in Bryan, Texas;

15 (7) Texas A&M International University, \$55,200,000
16 for library renovation;

17 (8) Prairie View A&M University, \$28,632,000 for
18 construction of a fabrication center and capital improvements;

19 (9) Tarleton State University:

20 (A) \$54 million for construction of an applied
21 sciences building; and

22 (B) \$39,600,000 for construction of a southwest
23 metroplex building in Tarrant County;

24 (10) Texas A&M University, \$80 million for
25 construction of a biocontainment research facility;

26 (11) Texas A&M University at Galveston, \$60 million
27 for construction of a classroom and laboratory facility and campus

1 infrastructure;

2 (12) Texas A&M University--Central Texas, \$36 million
3 for construction of a multipurpose building; and

4 (13) Texas A&M University--San Antonio, \$63 million
5 for construction of a science and technology building and campus
6 infrastructure.

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 A&M 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 A&M
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. 55.1782. THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL
21 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this
22 subchapter, the board of regents of The University of Texas System
23 may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or
24 equip 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 and in accordance with a
27 systemwide revenue financing program adopted by the board for the

1 following institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate
2 principal amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

3 (1) The University of Texas at Austin, \$80 million for
4 renovation of Robert A. Welch Hall;

5 (2) The University of Texas--Rio Grande Valley:

6 (A) \$36,432,000 for construction of a
7 multipurpose academic building at the campus in Brownsville; and

8 (B) \$30,600,000 for construction of an
9 interdisciplinary engineering academic studies building at the
10 campus in Edinburg;

11 (3) The University of Texas Southwestern Medical
12 Center at Dallas, \$80 million for the construction and renovation
13 of a vivarium and academic and laboratory facilities;

14 (4) The University of Texas Health Science Center at
15 San Antonio, \$80 million for facility renewal and renovation;

16 (5) The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer
17 Center, \$70 million for construction of the Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan
18 Al Nahyan building;

19 (6) The University of Texas Medical Branch at
20 Galveston, \$67,800,000 for construction of a health education
21 center;

22 (7) The University of Texas at Arlington, \$70 million
23 for construction of a science and education innovation and research
24 building;

25 (8) The University of Texas at Dallas, \$70 million for
26 construction of an engineering building;

27 (9) The University of Texas at El Paso, \$70 million for

1 construction of an interdisciplinary research facility;

2 (10) The University of Texas at San Antonio, \$70
3 million for construction of an instructional science and
4 engineering building;

5 (11) The University of Texas at Tyler, \$60 million for
6 construction of a STEM building;

7 (12) The University of Texas Health Science Center at
8 Houston, \$80 million for the renovation and modernization of
9 educational and research facilities;

10 (13) The University of Texas Health Science Center at
11 Tyler, \$14,800,000 for the renovation and modernization of
12 educational and research facilities; and

13 (14) The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, \$48
14 million for construction of an engineering building.

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

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

1 Sec. 55.1783. UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL
2 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this
3 subchapter, the board of regents of the University of Houston
4 System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate,
5 enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and
6 related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the
7 issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in
8 accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by
9 the board for the following institutions or entities, not to exceed
10 the following aggregate principal amounts for the projects
11 specified, as follows:

12 (1) the University of Houston:

13 (A) \$63 million for construction of a health and
14 biomedical sciences center; and

15 (B) \$54 million for construction of a new
16 academic building located in Sugar Land, Texas;

17 (2) the University of Houston--Clear Lake:

18 (A) \$24,624,000 for construction of a health
19 sciences and classroom building located in Pearland, Texas; and

20 (B) \$54 million for construction of a STEM and
21 classroom building;

22 (3) the University of Houston--Downtown, \$60 million
23 for construction of a science and technology building;

24 (4) the University of Houston--Victoria, \$60 million
25 for academic expansion and land acquisition; and

26 (5) the University of Houston System, \$46,832,000 for
27 land acquisition for construction of a building in the area near

1 Katy, Texas.

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

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

15 Sec. 55.1784. TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL
16 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this
17 subchapter, the board of regents of the Texas State University
18 System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate,
19 enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and
20 related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the
21 issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in
22 accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by
23 the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the
24 following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified,
25 as follows:

26 (1) Lamar University, \$60 million for construction of
27 a science building;

1 (2) Lamar State College--Orange, \$10 million for
2 construction of a multipurpose education building;

3 (3) Lamar State College--Port Arthur, \$8,080,000 for
4 expansion of technology program facilities;

5 (4) Lamar Institute of Technology, \$12,500,000 for
6 construction and renovation of technical arts buildings;

7 (5) Texas State University:

8 (A) \$63 million for construction of an
9 engineering and sciences building; and

10 (B) \$48,600,000 for construction of a health
11 professions building in Round Rock, Texas;

12 (6) Sam Houston State University, \$48 million for
13 construction of a biology laboratory building; and

14 (7) Sul Ross State University, \$6,240,000 for
15 renovation and modernization of educational and related facilities
16 and infrastructure.

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

24 (c) If sufficient funds are not available to the board to
25 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer
26 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the Texas State
27 University 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 Sec. 55.1785. UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL
4 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this
5 subchapter, the board of regents of the University of North Texas
6 System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate,
7 enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and
8 related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the
9 issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in
10 accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by
11 the board for the following institutions or entities, not to exceed
12 the following aggregate principal amounts for the projects
13 specified, as follows:

14 (1) the University of North Texas System, \$56 million
15 for renovation of college of law buildings;

16 (2) the University of North Texas, \$70 million for
17 construction and renovation of college of visual arts and design
18 facilities;

19 (3) the University of North Texas at Dallas, \$63
20 million for construction of a student learning and success center;
21 and

22 (4) the University of North Texas Health Science
23 Center at Fort Worth, \$80 million for construction of an
24 interdisciplinary research building.

25 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds
26 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of
27 an institution, branch, or entity of the University of North Texas

1 System, including student tuition charges. The amount of a pledge
2 made under this subsection may not be reduced or abrogated while the
3 bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds issued to refund those
4 bonds, are outstanding.

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

11 Sec. 55.1786. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY. (a) In addition to
12 the other authority granted by this subchapter, the board of
13 regents of Texas Woman's University may acquire, purchase,
14 construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property and
15 facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for a
16 laboratory building, to be financed through the issuance of bonds
17 in accordance with this subchapter, not to exceed the aggregate
18 principal amount of \$37,997,000.

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

25 Sec. 55.1787. MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY; ADDITIONAL
26 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this
27 subchapter, the board of regents of Midwestern State University may

1 acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip
2 property and facilities, including roads and related
3 infrastructure, for an academic expansion and revitalization
4 project, to be financed through the issuance of bonds in accordance
5 with this subchapter, not to exceed the aggregate principal amount
6 of \$58,400,000.

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 Midwestern State University, including student tuition charges.
10 The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced
11 or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds
12 issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

13 Sec. 55.1788. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY. (a) In
14 addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the
15 board of regents of Stephen F. Austin State University may acquire,
16 purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip property
17 and facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for a
18 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics research
19 building at Stephen F. Austin State University, to be financed
20 through the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter,
21 not to exceed the aggregate principal amount of \$46,400,000.

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

1 Sec. 55.1789. TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM; ADDITIONAL
2 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this
3 subchapter, the board of regents of the Texas Tech University
4 System may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate,
5 enlarge, or equip property and facilities, including roads and
6 related infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the
7 issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter and in
8 accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program adopted by
9 the board for the following institutions, not to exceed the
10 following aggregate principal amounts for the projects specified,
11 as follows:

12 (1) Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center:

13 (A) \$60,264,000 for construction of Lubbock
14 education, research, and technology facilities;

15 (B) \$14,256,000 for construction of the Permian
16 Basin academic facility; and

17 (C) \$5,715,000 for construction of the Amarillo
18 Panhandle Clinical/Hospital Simulation;

19 (2) Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El
20 Paso, \$75,520,000 for construction of the El Paso Medical Science
21 Building II;

22 (3) Texas Tech University, \$70 million for
23 construction of an experimental sciences high tech
24 interdisciplinary research building; and

25 (4) Angelo State University, \$21,360,000 for
26 construction of a College of Health and Human Services building.

27 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds

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

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

13 Sec. 55.17891. TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY; ADDITIONAL
14 BONDS. (a) In addition to the other authority granted by this
15 subchapter, the board of regents of Texas Southern University may
16 acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip
17 property and facilities, including roads and related
18 infrastructure, for the Robert J. Terry Library at Texas Southern
19 University, to be financed through the issuance of bonds in
20 accordance with this subchapter, not to exceed the aggregate
21 principal amount of \$60 million.

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

1 Sec. 55.17892. TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM. (a) In
2 addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the
3 board of regents of the Texas State Technical College System may
4 acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip
5 property and facilities, including roads and related
6 infrastructure, for projects to be financed through the issuance of
7 bonds in accordance with this subchapter for the following
8 institutions, not to exceed the following aggregate principal
9 amounts for the projects specified, as follows:

10 (1) Texas State Technical College--West Texas, \$12
11 million for construction of an industrial technology center;

12 (2) Texas State Technical College--Harlingen,
13 \$3,750,000 for Phase II of the Engineering Technology Center
14 renovation;

15 (3) Texas State Technical College--Waco, \$14,950,000
16 for construction of the Fort Bend Campus Building #2; and

17 (4) Texas State Technical College--Marshall,
18 \$11,040,000 for purchase and renovation of the North Texas
19 Technology Center.

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

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

1 meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer
2 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the Texas State
3 Technical College System to ensure the most equitable and efficient
4 allocation of available resources for each institution, branch, or
5 entity to carry out its duties and purposes.

6 SECTION 2. Sections 55.17721(d) and (e), Education Code,
7 are repealed.

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

12 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.