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1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the establishment and administration of the Texas
1-20 Woman's University System.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 107, Education Code, is
1-23 amended to read as follows:

1-24 CHAPTER 107. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

1-25 SECTION 2. Section 107.01, Education Code, is amended to
1-26 read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 107.01. TEXAS WOMAN'S [~~LOCATION AND PURPOSE OF~~
1-28 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. The Texas Woman's University System is a
1-29 woman-focused system composed of:

1-30 (1) Texas Woman's University;

1-31 (2) Texas Woman's University at Dallas; and

1-32 (3) Texas Woman's University at Houston [~~an~~
1-33 institution of higher education for women with its main campus at
1-34 Denton].

1-35 SECTION 3. Section 107.21, Education Code, is amended to
1-36 read as follows:

1-37 Sec. 107.21. BOARD OF REGENTS. (a) The board of regents of
1-38 the system [~~university~~] is composed of nine persons, four of whom
1-39 must [~~shall~~] be women, appointed by the governor with the advice and
1-40 consent of the senate.

1-41 (b) Each member of the board must [~~shall~~] be a qualified
1-42 voter, [~~+~~] and the members must [~~shall~~] be selected from different
1-43 portions of the state.

1-44 (c) The members hold office for staggered terms of six
1-45 years, with the terms of three expiring February 1 of odd-numbered
1-46 years.

1-47 SECTION 4. Section 107.23, Education Code, is amended to
1-48 read as follows:

1-49 Sec. 107.23. BOARD MEETINGS; MINUTES. The presiding
1-50 officer shall convene the board to consider any business connected
1-51 with the system [~~university~~] whenever the presiding officer deems
1-52 it expedient. A full record shall be kept of all the board's
1-53 proceedings.

1-54 SECTION 5. Section 107.42, Education Code, is amended to
1-55 read as follows:

1-56 Sec. 107.42. STAFF. (a) The board shall appoint a chief
1-57 executive officer [~~president~~] of the system [~~university~~] and other
1-58 officers and employees it deems proper and shall fix their
1-59 salaries.

1-60 (b) The chief executive officer of the system shall also
1-61 serve as the president of Texas Woman's University.

2-1 (c) The board shall make rules and regulations for the
 2-2 government of the system's [~~university's~~] staff as it deems
 2-3 advisable.

2-4 SECTION 6. Section 107.44, Education Code, is amended to
 2-5 read as follows:

2-6 Sec. 107.44. RULES AND REGULATIONS. The board shall adopt
 2-7 rules and regulations it deems necessary to carry out the purposes
 2-8 of the system [~~institution~~] and to enforce the faithful discharge
 2-9 of the duties of all officers, professors, and students.

2-10 SECTION 7. Section 107.45(a), Education Code, is amended to
 2-11 read as follows:

2-12 (a) The board of regents has the power of eminent domain to
 2-13 acquire for the use of the system [~~university~~] in the manner
 2-14 prescribed by Chapter 21, Property Code, any real property that may
 2-15 be necessary and proper for carrying out its purposes.

2-16 SECTION 8. Section 107.46, Education Code, is amended to
 2-17 read as follows:

2-18 Sec. 107.46. GIFTS, GRANTS, AND DONATIONS. The board is
 2-19 specifically authorized, upon terms and conditions acceptable to
 2-20 it, to accept, retain, and administer gifts, grants, or donations
 2-21 of any kind, including real estate or money, from any source, for
 2-22 use by the system [~~university~~], and to carry out the directions,
 2-23 limitations, and provisions declared in writing in the gifts,
 2-24 grants, or donations.

2-25 SECTION 9. Section 107.62, Education Code, is amended to
 2-26 read as follows:

2-27 Sec. 107.62. OBLIGATIONS; PLEDGE OF REVENUE. In payment
 2-28 for the erecting and equipping of dormitories and improvements, the
 2-29 board may issue its obligations in the amount and on the terms
 2-30 deemed advisable by the board. As security the board may pledge the
 2-31 income from the dormitories and improvements erected or from other
 2-32 dormitories owned by the system [~~university~~], as well as all other
 2-33 revenue derived by the system [~~university~~] from other sources,
 2-34 except revenue derived by means of appropriations made for a
 2-35 specific purpose by the legislature.

2-36 SECTION 10. Section 107.63, Education Code, is amended to
 2-37 read as follows:

2-38 Sec. 107.63. SALE OF REAL ESTATE. The board may sell or
 2-39 encumber any part of [~~the campus or~~] real property [~~estate~~] owned by
 2-40 the system [~~university~~] for the purpose of obtaining funds with
 2-41 which to erect and equip these improvements or for the purpose of
 2-42 securing the payment of its obligations issued to any person, firm,
 2-43 or corporation for the erecting or equipping of these improvements.

2-44 SECTION 11. Section 107.64, Education Code, is amended to
 2-45 read as follows:

2-46 Sec. 107.64. REQUIRED DORMITORY RESIDENCE. The board may
 2-47 adopt regulations it deems reasonable requiring any class or
 2-48 classes of students to reside in system [~~university~~] dormitories or
 2-49 other buildings.

2-50 SECTION 12. Section 107.65, Education Code, is amended to
 2-51 read as follows:

2-52 Sec. 107.65. MANAGEMENT OF DORMITORIES. The board has
 2-53 absolute and sole management and control of system [~~university~~]
 2-54 dormitories and other improvements.

2-55 SECTION 13. Section 107.67, Education Code, is amended to
 2-56 read as follows:

2-57 Sec. 107.67. LIMITATION ON OBLIGATIONS. In the erecting,
 2-58 or in contracts for the erecting, of dormitories and other
 2-59 improvements, the board may not in any manner incur any
 2-60 indebtedness against the system [~~university~~] except as provided in
 2-61 Sections 107.62 and 107.63 [~~of this code~~]. The obligations
 2-62 incurred in the erecting of dormitories and other improvements may
 2-63 never be personal obligations of the system [~~university~~] but shall
 2-64 be discharged solely from the revenue or property authorized to be
 2-65 pledged for that purpose.

2-66 SECTION 14. Section 107.69(a), Education Code, is amended
 2-67 to read as follows:

2-68 (a) The board may establish an historical collection of
 2-69 items illustrating the history of women in Texas. The historical

3-1 collection is to be housed in a building belonging to the system
 3-2 [~~university~~] and is to be known as "The History of Texas Women."
 3-3 When established, the historical collection may be designated a
 3-4 state historical collection and shall be for the use and enjoyment
 3-5 of all citizens of Texas.

3-6 SECTION 15. Section 107.81(a), Education Code, is amended
 3-7 to read as follows:

3-8 (a) Campus security personnel commissioned under Section
 3-9 51.203 [~~of this code~~] have concurrent jurisdiction with police
 3-10 officers of a municipality in which a component institution of the
 3-11 system is located [~~the City of Denton~~] to enforce all criminal laws,
 3-12 including traffic laws, of the state and all ordinances of the
 3-13 municipality [~~city~~] regulating traffic on any public street running
 3-14 through the property of the system [~~university~~] and on any public
 3-15 street immediately adjacent to property owned or occupied and
 3-16 controlled by the system [~~university~~].

3-17 SECTION 16. Sections 107.82(a), (c), (d), and (e),
 3-18 Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

3-19 (a) The board of regents and the governing body of a
 3-20 municipality in which a component institution of the system is
 3-21 located [~~city council of Denton~~] may enter into written agreements,
 3-22 authorized by resolution of each governing body, to authorize the
 3-23 regular employed peace officers of the system [~~university~~] to
 3-24 assist the peace officers of the municipality [~~city~~] in enforcing
 3-25 the laws of the state and the ordinances of the municipality [~~city~~]
 3-26 at any location in the municipality [~~city~~].

3-27 (c) While acting pursuant to the agreement in Subsection (a)
 3-28 [~~above~~] and when such act is outside the property of the system
 3-29 [~~university~~] or outside any public street running through, adjacent
 3-30 to, or within property owned or occupied and controlled by the
 3-31 system [~~university~~], the peace officers of the system [~~university~~]
 3-32 are under the jurisdiction and command of the chief of police of the
 3-33 municipality [~~Denton~~].

3-34 (d) Neither the state nor the system [~~university~~] is liable
 3-35 for actions of a campus police officer acting under the
 3-36 jurisdiction and command of the chief of police of the municipality
 3-37 [~~Denton~~].

3-38 (e) The system has [~~university shall have~~] jurisdiction
 3-39 over its personnel and students upon property owned by the system
 3-40 [~~university~~] to the extent that it may:

3-41 (1) assign and regulate parking spaces for its use and
 3-42 charge and collect appropriate fees for parking and improper
 3-43 parking;

3-44 (2) prohibit parking where it deems necessary; and

3-45 (3) set and collect fees for and remove vehicles
 3-46 parked in violation of its rules and regulations or the laws of the
 3-47 State of Texas.

3-48 SECTION 17. Section 107.83, Education Code, is amended to
 3-49 read as follows:

3-50 Sec. 107.83. CITY DELEGATION OF PARKING REGULATION
 3-51 AUTHORITY. (a) By contract between the municipality [~~city~~] and the
 3-52 system [~~university~~], the governing body [~~city council~~] of the
 3-53 municipality in which a component institution of the system is
 3-54 located [~~Denton~~] may delegate to the system [~~university~~] the
 3-55 authority to regulate the parking of vehicles on any public street
 3-56 running through or immediately adjacent to property owned or
 3-57 occupied and controlled by the system [~~university~~].

3-58 (b) The contract may authorize the system [~~university~~] to
 3-59 assign and regulate parking spaces for its use, to charge and
 3-60 collect a fee from its personnel and students for parking, to
 3-61 prohibit parking, and to charge and collect a fee for removing
 3-62 vehicles parked in violation of law or ordinance or in violation of
 3-63 a rule governing the parking of vehicles adopted by the board. All
 3-64 parking violations shall be filed in the municipal court [~~Municipal~~
 3-65 ~~Court of Denton~~] or the justice of the peace court having
 3-66 jurisdiction over the offense.

3-67 (c) Before the contract is considered by the governing body
 3-68 of the municipality [~~city council~~] or the board, the attorney
 3-69 general and the applicable city attorney [~~of Denton~~] shall review

4-1 and either approve the contract or file written legal objections to
4-2 the contract with the chief executive officer of both the board and
4-3 the governing body of the municipality [~~council~~]. The contract
4-4 must be approved by resolution of the board and the governing body
4-5 of the municipality [~~city council~~].

4-6 SECTION 18. Section 107.84, Education Code, is amended to
4-7 read as follows:

4-8 Sec. 107.84. CONSTRUCTION OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter
4-9 does not:

4-10 (1) limit the police powers of a municipality [~~the~~
4-11 ~~city~~] or its law enforcement jurisdiction;

4-12 (2) render a campus peace officer an employee of a
4-13 municipality [~~the city~~] or entitle a campus peace officer to
4-14 compensation from a municipality [~~the city~~]; or

4-15 (3) restrict the power of the system [~~university~~]
4-16 under other law to enforce laws, ordinances, or rules regulating
4-17 traffic or parking.

4-18 SECTION 19. Chapter 107, Education Code, is amended by
4-19 adding Subchapters F, G, and H to read as follows:

4-20 SUBCHAPTER F. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

4-21 Sec. 107.101. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY. (a) Texas Woman's
4-22 University is a woman-focused general academic teaching
4-23 institution located in the city of Denton.

4-24 (b) The university is under the management and control of
4-25 the board of regents.

4-26 SUBCHAPTER G. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY AT DALLAS

4-27 Sec. 107.151. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY AT DALLAS. (a)
4-28 Texas Woman's University at Dallas is a woman-focused general
4-29 academic teaching institution located in the city of Dallas.

4-30 (b) The university is under the management and control of
4-31 the board of regents.

4-32 SUBCHAPTER H. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY AT HOUSTON

4-33 Sec. 107.201. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY AT HOUSTON. (a)
4-34 Texas Woman's University at Houston is a woman-focused general
4-35 academic teaching institution located in the city of Houston.

4-36 (b) The university is under the management and control of
4-37 the board of regents.

4-38 SECTION 20. Section 50A.010, Agriculture Code, is amended
4-39 to read as follows:

4-40 Sec. 50A.010. DUTIES. (a) The council shall:

4-41 (1) adopt procedures as necessary to administer this
4-42 chapter, including procedures for awarding contracts under this
4-43 chapter;

4-44 (2) issue requests for research proposals and award
4-45 grants:

4-46 (A) to enhance the health benefits of fruits and
4-47 vegetables; or

4-48 (B) to help growers maximize crop yields through
4-49 applied research;

4-50 (3) develop educational materials that promote the
4-51 benefits of consuming fruits and vegetables; and

4-52 (4) in cooperation with the Texas Agricultural
4-53 Experiment Station, The Texas A&M University System, Texas Tech
4-54 University, The University of Texas System, the Texas Woman's
4-55 University System, state agencies, and produce associations,
4-56 develop innovative educational programs related to appropriate and
4-57 safe methods of storing, preparing, and serving fresh produce.

4-58 (b) The council may:

4-59 (1) issue requests for proposals as necessary to
4-60 administer this chapter; or

4-61 (2) publish educational materials or other materials
4-62 developed in conjunction with employees of the Texas Agricultural
4-63 Experiment Station, The Texas A&M University System, Texas Tech
4-64 University, The University of Texas System, or the Texas Woman's
4-65 University System.

4-66 SECTION 21. The heading to Section 54.5085, Education Code,
4-67 is amended to read as follows:

4-68 Sec. 54.5085. MEDICAL SERVICES FEE; TEXAS WOMAN'S
4-69 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.

5-1 SECTION 22. Sections 54.5085(a), (b), and (c), Education
5-2 Code, are amended to read as follows:

5-3 (a) The board of regents of the Texas Woman's University
5-4 System may charge each student registered at a component
5-5 institution of the system [~~university~~] a medical services fee not
5-6 to exceed \$55 for each semester of the regular term or 12-week
5-7 summer session and not to exceed \$25 for each six-week or shorter
5-8 term of the summer session.

5-9 (b) Before the board imposes or increases a fee charged at a
5-10 component institution under this section, the board shall consider
5-11 the recommendations of a student fee advisory committee established
5-12 by the president of the institution [~~university~~]. A majority of the
5-13 members of the advisory committee must be students appointed by the
5-14 presiding officer of the student governing body of the institution
5-15 and the remainder of the members must be appointed by the president
5-16 of the institution [~~university~~]. The board may increase the amount
5-17 of the fee by an amount that is more than 10 percent of the amount
5-18 imposed in the preceding academic year only if that increase is
5-19 approved by a majority vote of those students of the institution
5-20 [~~university~~] participating in a general election called for that
5-21 purpose.

5-22 (c) A medical services fee charged at a component
5-23 institution under this section may be used only to provide medical
5-24 services to students registered at the institution [~~university~~].

5-25 SECTION 23. Section 54.525, Education Code, is amended to
5-26 read as follows:

5-27 Sec. 54.525. FEES FOR STUDENT CENTERS; TEXAS WOMAN'S
5-28 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM COMPONENTS. (a) The board of regents of the
5-29 Texas Woman's University System may levy a regular, fixed student
5-30 fee of not less than \$25 or more than \$75 [~~per student~~] for each
5-31 semester of the long session and of not less than \$12.50 or more
5-32 than \$35 [~~per student~~] for each term of the summer session on each
5-33 student enrolled at a component institution of the system, as the
5-34 board determines is just and necessary for the purpose of
5-35 financing, improving, operating, maintaining, and equipping
5-36 student centers and acquiring or constructing additions to student
5-37 centers.

5-38 (b) The board may increase a student fee levied at an
5-39 institution under this section. If the increase is for more than \$3
5-40 per fiscal year, a majority of the students enrolled in the
5-41 institution voting in an election called for that purpose must
5-42 approve the increase.

5-43 (c) Revenue from a fee imposed at an institution under this
5-44 section shall be deposited to the credit of an account known as the
5-45 student center fee account [~~"Texas Woman's University Student~~
5-46 ~~Center Fee Account"~~] under the control of the institution's
5-47 [~~university's~~] student fee advisory committee. Annually, the
5-48 committee shall submit to the president of the institution
5-49 [~~university~~] its recommendation for any change to the amount of the
5-50 fee and a complete and itemized budget for the student center
5-51 together with a complete report of all student center activities
5-52 conducted during the past year and all expenditures made in
5-53 connection with those activities. The president shall submit the
5-54 budget to the board of regents as part of the institution's
5-55 [~~university's~~] institutional budget. The board of regents may make
5-56 changes in the budget that the board determines are necessary.

5-57 (d) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the board may increase
5-58 the amount of the fee imposed at an institution for a semester or
5-59 summer session to an amount that does not exceed \$150 if the
5-60 increase is approved by a majority vote of those students enrolled
5-61 at the institution participating in a general election called for
5-62 that purpose. The increased amount under this subsection may not be
5-63 charged after the fifth academic year in which the increased amount
5-64 is first charged unless, before the end of that academic year, the
5-65 institution has issued bonds payable from the fee, in which event
5-66 the increased amount may not be charged after the academic year in
5-67 which all such bonds, including refunding bonds for those bonds,
5-68 have been fully paid.

5-69 SECTION 24. Section 54.5251, Education Code, is amended to

6-1 read as follows:

6-2 Sec. 54.5251. STUDENT FITNESS AND RECREATIONAL FEE; TEXAS
6-3 WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. (a) The board of regents of the Texas
6-4 Woman's University System may charge each student enrolled at a
6-5 component institution of the system [~~university~~] a student fitness
6-6 and recreational fee in an amount not to exceed:

6-7 (1) \$125 for each regular semester or each summer
6-8 session of more than six weeks; or

6-9 (2) \$62.50 for each summer session of six weeks or
6-10 less.

6-11 (b) The fee may be used only for financing, constructing,
6-12 operating, maintaining, or improving a fitness or recreational
6-13 facility or for operating a fitness or recreational program at the
6-14 institution [~~university~~].

6-15 (c) The fee may not be imposed unless approved by a majority
6-16 vote of the students of the institution [~~university~~] who
6-17 participate in a general student election held for that purpose.

6-18 (d) The amount of the fee may not be increased to an amount
6-19 that exceeds by 10 percent or more the total amount of the fee as
6-20 last approved by a student vote under Subsection (c) or this
6-21 subsection unless the increase has been approved by a majority vote
6-22 of the students enrolled at the institution [~~university~~] who
6-23 participate in a general student election called for that purpose.

6-24 (e) The chief fiscal officer of the institution
6-25 [~~university~~] shall collect the fee and shall deposit the revenue
6-26 from the fee in an account to be known as the student fitness and
6-27 recreational account.

6-28 (f) The fee is not considered in determining the maximum
6-29 amount of student services fees that may be charged under Section
6-30 54.503.

6-31 (g) The board may permit a person who is not enrolled at the
6-32 institution [~~university~~] to use a facility financed with revenue
6-33 from the fee imposed at the institution under this section only if:

6-34 (1) the person's use will not materially interfere
6-35 with use of the facility by students of the institution
6-36 [~~university~~];

6-37 (2) the person is charged a fee in an amount that is
6-38 not less than the amount of the student fee or the total amount of
6-39 the direct and indirect costs to the institution [~~university~~] of
6-40 providing for the person's use, except that a charge under this
6-41 subdivision may not be imposed on a person who uses the facility
6-42 under an existing lifetime contract with the institution
6-43 [~~university~~] for the use of fitness and recreational facilities;
6-44 and

6-45 (3) the person's use will not materially increase the
6-46 potential liability of the institution [~~university~~].

6-47 SECTION 25. Section 55.1718, Education Code, is amended to
6-48 read as follows:

6-49 Sec. 55.1718. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. (a) The
6-50 board of regents of the Texas Woman's University System may
6-51 acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip
6-52 property, buildings, structures, facilities, roads, or related
6-53 infrastructure for a component institution of the system [~~Texas~~
6-54 ~~Woman's University~~] to be financed by the issuance of bonds in
6-55 accordance with this subchapter in the aggregate principal amount
6-56 of \$5 million.

6-57 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of those
6-58 bonds all or any part of the revenue funds of the Texas Woman's
6-59 University System, including student tuition charges required or
6-60 authorized by law to be imposed on students enrolled at a component
6-61 institution of the system [~~Texas Woman's University~~]. The amount
6-62 of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or
6-63 abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds
6-64 issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

6-65 SECTION 26. Section 55.1726, Education Code, is amended to
6-66 read as follows:

6-67 Sec. 55.1726. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. (a) The
6-68 board of regents of the Texas Woman's University System may
6-69 acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip

7-1 property, buildings, structures, facilities, roads, or related
 7-2 infrastructure for a component institution of the system [~~Texas~~
 7-3 ~~Woman's University~~] to be financed by the issuance of bonds in
 7-4 accordance with this subchapter in the aggregate principal amount
 7-5 not to exceed \$8.5 million.

7-6 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of those
 7-7 bonds all or any part of the revenue funds of the Texas Woman's
 7-8 University System, including student tuition charges required or
 7-9 authorized by law to be imposed on students enrolled at a component
 7-10 institution of the system [~~Texas Woman's University~~]. The amount
 7-11 of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or
 7-12 abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds
 7-13 issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

7-14 SECTION 27. Section 55.1736, Education Code, is amended to
 7-15 read as follows:

7-16 Sec. 55.1736. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. (a) In
 7-17 addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the
 7-18 board of regents of the Texas Woman's University System may issue
 7-19 bonds in accordance with this subchapter in the aggregate principal
 7-20 amount not to exceed \$25,797,500 to finance the renovation of
 7-21 academic and administrative buildings at a component institution of
 7-22 the system [~~Texas Woman's University~~].

7-23 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of those
 7-24 bonds all or any part of the revenue funds of the Texas Woman's
 7-25 University System, including student tuition charges. The amount
 7-26 of a pledge made under this subsection may not be reduced or
 7-27 abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is made, or bonds
 7-28 issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

7-29 (c) Any portion of the proceeds of bonds authorized by this
 7-30 section for one or more specified projects that is not required for
 7-31 the specified projects may be used to renovate existing structures
 7-32 and facilities at a component [~~the~~] institution of the system.

7-33 SECTION 28. Section 55.1756, Education Code, is amended to
 7-34 read as follows:

7-35 Sec. 55.1756. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. (a) In
 7-36 addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the
 7-37 board of regents of the Texas Woman's University System may
 7-38 acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip
 7-39 facilities, including roads and related infrastructure, for
 7-40 renovations and additions to the science building on the Denton
 7-41 campus of Texas Woman's University, to be financed through the
 7-42 issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter in an
 7-43 aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$21,739,712.

7-44 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds
 7-45 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of
 7-46 the Texas Woman's University System, including student tuition
 7-47 charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not
 7-48 be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is
 7-49 made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

7-50 SECTION 29. Section 55.1786, Education Code, is amended to
 7-51 read as follows:

7-52 Sec. 55.1786. TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. (a) In
 7-53 addition to the other authority granted by this subchapter, the
 7-54 board of regents of the Texas Woman's University System may
 7-55 acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip
 7-56 property and facilities, including roads and related
 7-57 infrastructure, for a laboratory building, to be financed through
 7-58 the issuance of bonds in accordance with this subchapter, not to
 7-59 exceed the aggregate principal amount of \$37,997,000.

7-60 (b) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of bonds
 7-61 authorized by this section all or any part of the revenue funds of
 7-62 the Texas Woman's University System, including student tuition
 7-63 charges. The amount of a pledge made under this subsection may not
 7-64 be reduced or abrogated while the bonds for which the pledge is
 7-65 made, or bonds issued to refund those bonds, are outstanding.

7-66 SECTION 30. Section 61.003(3), Education Code, is amended
 7-67 to read as follows:

7-68 (3) "General academic teaching institution" means The
 7-69 University of Texas at Austin; The University of Texas at El Paso;

8-1 The University of Texas of the Permian Basin; The University of
 8-2 Texas at Dallas; The University of Texas at San Antonio; Texas A&M
 8-3 University, Main University; The University of Texas at Arlington;
 8-4 Tarleton State University; Prairie View A&M University; Texas
 8-5 Maritime Academy; Texas Tech University; University of North Texas;
 8-6 Lamar University; Lamar State College--Orange; Lamar State
 8-7 College--Port Arthur; Texas A&M University--Kingsville; Texas A&M
 8-8 University--Corpus Christi; Texas Woman's University; Texas
 8-9 Woman's University at Dallas; Texas Woman's University at Houston;
 8-10 Texas Southern University; Midwestern State University; University
 8-11 of Houston; University of Texas--Pan American; The University of
 8-12 Texas at Brownsville; Texas A&M University--Commerce; Sam Houston
 8-13 State University; Texas State University; West Texas A&M
 8-14 University; Stephen F. Austin State University; Sul Ross State
 8-15 University; Angelo State University; The University of Texas at
 8-16 Tyler; and any other college, university, or institution so
 8-17 classified as provided in this chapter or created and so
 8-18 classified, expressly or impliedly, by law.

8-19 SECTION 31. Section 62.021(a), Education Code, is amended
 8-20 to read as follows:

8-21 (a) In each state fiscal year beginning with the state
 8-22 fiscal year ending August 31, 2021, an eligible institution is
 8-23 entitled to receive an amount allocated in accordance with this
 8-24 section from the funds appropriated for that year by Section 17(a),
 8-25 Article VII, Texas Constitution. The comptroller shall distribute
 8-26 funds allocated under this subsection only on presentation of a
 8-27 claim and issuance of a warrant in accordance with Section 403.071,
 8-28 Government Code. An eligible institution may not present a claim to
 8-29 be paid from any funds allocated under this subsection before the
 8-30 delivery of goods or services described in Section 17, Article VII,
 8-31 Texas Constitution, except for the payment of principal or interest
 8-32 on bonds or notes or for a payment for a book or other published
 8-33 library material as authorized by Section 2155.386, Government
 8-34 Code. The allocation of funds under this subsection is made in
 8-35 accordance with an equitable formula consisting of the following
 8-36 elements: space deficit, facilities condition, institutional
 8-37 complexity, and a separate allocation for the Texas State Technical
 8-38 College System. The annual amounts allocated by the formula are as
 8-39 follows:

- 8-40 (1) \$4,933,200 to Midwestern State University;
- 8-41 (2) to the following component institutions of the
 8-42 University of North Texas System:
 - 8-43 (A) \$37,346,563 to the University of North Texas;
 - 8-44 (B) \$15,125,502 to the University of North Texas
 8-45 Health Science Center at Fort Worth; and
 - 8-46 (C) \$3,354,441 to the University of North Texas
 8-47 at Dallas;
- 8-48 (3) \$11,277,793 to Stephen F. Austin State University;
- 8-49 (4) to the following component institutions of the
 8-50 Texas State University System:
 - 8-51 (A) \$13,141,181 to Lamar University;
 - 8-52 (B) \$2,553,130 to the Lamar Institute of
 8-53 Technology;
 - 8-54 (C) \$1,488,396 to Lamar State College--Orange;
 - 8-55 (D) \$2,217,102 to Lamar State College--Port
 8-56 Arthur;
 - 8-57 (E) \$18,236,811 to Sam Houston State University;
 - 8-58 (F) \$37,606,478 to Texas State University;
 - 8-59 (G) \$2,151,723 to Sul Ross State University; and
 - 8-60 (H) \$472,890 to Sul Ross State University-Rio
 8-61 Grande College;
- 8-62 (5) \$11,719,335 to Texas Southern University;
- 8-63 (6) to the following component institutions of the
 8-64 Texas Tech University System:
 - 8-65 (A) \$49,874,746 to Texas Tech University;
 - 8-66 (B) \$21,652,392 to Texas Tech University Health
 8-67 Sciences Center;
 - 8-68 (C) \$6,792,999 to Angelo State University; and
 - 8-69 (D) \$5,557,572 to Texas Tech University Health

- 9-1 Sciences Center--El Paso;
- 9-2 (7) \$14,554,133 to the component institutions of the
- 9-3 Texas Woman's University System, allocated as determined by the
- 9-4 board of regents of the system;
- 9-5 (8) to the following component institutions of the
- 9-6 University of Houston System:
- 9-7 (A) \$54,514,004 to the University of Houston;
- 9-8 (B) \$3,542,817 to the University of
- 9-9 Houston--Victoria;
- 9-10 (C) \$7,726,043 to the University of
- 9-11 Houston--Clear Lake; and
- 9-12 (D) \$10,828,344 to the University of
- 9-13 Houston--Downtown;
- 9-14 (9) to the following component institutions of The
- 9-15 Texas A&M University System:
- 9-16 (A) \$11,478,824 to Texas A&M University--Corpus
- 9-17 Christi;
- 9-18 (B) \$7,462,394 to Texas A&M International
- 9-19 University;
- 9-20 (C) \$8,858,060 to Texas A&M
- 9-21 University--Kingsville;
- 9-22 (D) \$7,446,495 to West Texas A&M University;
- 9-23 (E) \$11,123,859 to Texas A&M
- 9-24 University--Commerce; and
- 9-25 (F) \$2,050,273 to Texas A&M
- 9-26 University--Texarkana; and
- 9-27 (10) \$8,662,500 to the Texas State Technical College
- 9-28 System Administration and the following component campuses, but not
- 9-29 its extension centers or programs:
- 9-30 (A) Texas State Technical College--Harlingen;
- 9-31 (B) Texas State Technical College--Marshall;
- 9-32 (C) Texas State Technical College--West Texas;
- 9-33 (D) Texas State Technical College--Waco;
- 9-34 (E) Texas State Technical College--Fort Bend;
- 9-35 and
- 9-36 (F) Texas State Technical College--North Texas.

9-37 SECTION 32. Section 301.001(1), Health and Safety Code, is

9-38 amended to read as follows:

9-39 (1) "Eligible institution" means an entity engaged in

9-40 health-related pursuits that, except for cooperative associations,

9-41 is exempt from federal income tax and includes only:

9-42 (A) a municipality;

9-43 (B) a political subdivision of the state;

9-44 (C) a state-supported health-related

9-45 institution, including:

9-46 (i) The Texas A&M University System;

9-47 (ii) The University of Texas System; and

9-48 (iii) the Texas Woman's University System;

9-49 (D) a nonprofit health-related institution; or

9-50 (E) a cooperative association created under

9-51 Subchapter B, a unit of which is located in a county with a

9-52 population of more than 3.3 million.

9-53 SECTION 33. Section 301.031(1), Health and Safety Code, is

9-54 amended to read as follows:

9-55 (1) "Eligible institution" means an entity engaged in

9-56 health-related pursuits that, except for cooperative associations,

9-57 is exempt from federal income tax and includes only:

9-58 (A) a municipality;

9-59 (B) a political subdivision of the state;

9-60 (C) a health-related institution supported by

9-61 the state or federal government or by a federal department,

9-62 division, or agency, including:

9-63 (i) The Texas A&M University System;

9-64 (ii) The University of Texas System;

9-65 (iii) the Texas Woman's University System;

9-66 and

9-67 (iv) the Children's Nutrition Research

9-68 Center;

9-69 (D) a nonprofit health-related institution; and

10-1 (E) a cooperative association created to provide
 10-2 a system, a unit of which is located in a county that has a
 10-3 population of more than 1.3 million and in which a municipality with
 10-4 a population of more than one million is primarily located, or in a
 10-5 county contiguous to a county having those characteristics.

10-6 SECTION 34. (a) The transition of Texas Woman's University
 10-7 to the Texas Woman's University System under this Act does not
 10-8 affect the validity of any contracts or written obligations,
 10-9 including bonds, entered into by the board of regents of Texas
 10-10 Woman's University on the university's behalf. In those contracts
 10-11 and written obligations, the board of regents of the Texas Woman's
 10-12 University System is substituted for and stands and acts in the
 10-13 place of the board of regents of Texas Woman's University to the
 10-14 extent permitted by law.

10-15 (b) The transition of Texas Woman's University to the Texas
 10-16 Woman's University System under this Act does not affect:

10-17 (1) the status of any student enrolled at the
 10-18 university when the transition takes effect; or

10-19 (2) the employment status or accrued benefits of any
 10-20 person employed by the university when the transition takes effect.

10-21 (c) All funds that, on the effective date of the transition,
 10-22 have been appropriated to or dedicated to or are held for the use
 10-23 and benefit of Texas Woman's University are transferred to the
 10-24 Texas Woman's University System for the use and benefit of the
 10-25 system to the extent permitted by law.

10-26 (d) Fees previously approved and charged to students of
 10-27 Texas Woman's University are considered approved and may continue
 10-28 to be charged and used for the same purposes at each component
 10-29 institution of the Texas Woman's University System in the same
 10-30 amounts as charged in the 2020-2021 academic year, subject to
 10-31 future changes approved as authorized by law.

10-32 (e) The changes in law made by this Act to Sections [55.1718](#),
 10-33 [55.1726](#), [55.1736](#), [55.1756](#), and [55.1786](#), Education Code, do not
 10-34 authorize bonds in an amount that exceeds the original amount of
 10-35 bonds authorized by those sections.

10-36 (f) Degree programs previously offered at the branch
 10-37 locations of Texas Woman's University that are designated as
 10-38 independent component institutions of the Texas Woman's University
 10-39 System under Chapter [107](#), Education Code, as amended by this Act,
 10-40 are considered to have been approved as degree programs of the
 10-41 respective component institutions.

10-42 (g) The board of regents of the Texas Woman's University
 10-43 System may take any action necessary to transition Texas Woman's
 10-44 University to the Texas Woman's University System under this Act,
 10-45 including by:

10-46 (1) allocating university funds, property, and
 10-47 personnel as the board determines appropriate between the system's
 10-48 component institutions;

10-49 (2) continuing to operate the branch locations of
 10-50 Texas Woman's University that are designated as independent
 10-51 component institutions of the Texas Woman's University System under
 10-52 Chapter [107](#), Education Code, as amended by this Act, as branch
 10-53 locations of the university until the board determines that
 10-54 transitioning those branch locations to independent component
 10-55 institutions of the system is appropriate and feasible; and

10-56 (3) postponing the effect of any other changes made by
 10-57 this Act as the board determines appropriate.

10-58 SECTION 35. This Act takes effect immediately if it
 10-59 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
 10-60 house, as provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution.
 10-61 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate
 10-62 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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