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H.B. No. 2522

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for the
3 Southwest Texas State University Multi-Institution Teaching Center
4 to finance facilities to address the Central Texas high growth
5 corridor and exempting facilities financed by the bonds from prior
6 approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

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

8 SECTION 1. Section 55.1734, Education Code, is amended by
9 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

10 (e)(1) In addition to the other authority granted by this
11 chapter, the board of regents of the Texas State University System
12 may acquire, purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or
13 equip property, buildings, structures, or other facilities,
14 including roads and related infrastructure, for the Southwest Texas
15 State University Multi-Institution Teaching Center, to be used
16 primarily to construct facilities to address the Central Texas high
17 growth corridor as identified by the Texas Higher Education
18 Coordinating Board to be financed by the issuance of bonds in
19 accordance with this subchapter, including bonds issued in
20 accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program and secured
21 as provided by that program in an aggregate principal amount not to
22 exceed \$26 million.

23 (2) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of
24 the bonds authorized by Subsection (1) all or any part of the

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

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

12 SECTION 2. Section 61.0572(e), Education Code, is amended
13 to read as follows:

14 (e) Approval of the board is not required to acquire real
15 property that is financed by bonds issued under Section 55.17(e)(3)
16 or (4), 55.1713-55.1718, 55.1721-55.1728, [~~or~~] 55.174, or
17 55.1734(e), except that the board shall review all real property to
18 be financed by bonds issued under those sections to determine
19 whether the property meets the standards adopted by the board for
20 cost, efficiency, and space use. If the property does not meet
21 those standards, the board shall notify the governor, the
22 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,
23 and the Legislative Budget Board.

24 SECTION 3. Section 61.058(b), Education Code, is amended to
25 read as follows:

26 (b) This section does not apply to construction, repair, or
27 rehabilitation financed by bonds issued under Section 55.17(e)(3)

1 or (4), 55.1713-55.1718, 55.1721-55.1728, [~~or~~] 55.174, or
2 55.1734(e), except that the board shall review all construction,
3 repair, or rehabilitation to be financed by bonds issued under
4 those sections to determine whether the construction,
5 rehabilitation, or repair meets the standards adopted by board rule
6 for cost, efficiency, and space use. If the construction,
7 rehabilitation, or repair does not meet those standards, the board
8 shall notify the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of
9 the house of representatives, and the Legislative Budget Board.

10 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.