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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 Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

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

8 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 55.1734, Education Code,
9 is amended by adding a new subsection 55.1734(e) to read as follows:

10 Sec. 55.1734(e). THE SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY
11 MULTI-INSTITUTION TEACHING CENTER; ADDITIONAL REVENUE BONDS. (1)
12 In addition to the other authority granted by this chapter, the
13 board of regents of the Texas State University System may acquire,
14 purchase, construct, improve, renovate, enlarge, or equip
15 property, buildings, structures, or other facilities, including
16 roads and related infrastructure, for the Southwest Texas State
17 University MITC, to be used primarily to construct facilities to
18 address the Central Texas high growth corridor as identified by the
19 Higher Education Coordinating Board to be financed by the issuance
20 of bonds in accordance with this subchapter, including bonds issued
21 in accordance with a systemwide revenue financing program and
22 secured as provided by that program in an aggregate principal
23 amount not to exceed \$26 million.

24 (2) The board may pledge irrevocably to the payment of

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

7 (3) If sufficient funds are not available to the board
8 to meet its obligations under this section, the board may transfer
9 funds among institutions, branches, and entities of the Texas State
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 SECTION 2. Section 61.0572(e), Education Code, is amended
14 to read as follows:

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

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

27 (b) This section does not apply to construction, repair, or

1 rehabilitation financed by bonds issued under Section 55.17(e)(3)
2 or (4), 55.1713-55.1718, 55.1721-55.1728, [~~or~~] 55.174, or
3 55.1734(e), except that the board shall review all construction,
4 repair, or rehabilitation to be financed by bonds issued under
5 those sections to determine whether the construction,
6 rehabilitation, or repair meets the standards adopted by board rule
7 for cost, efficiency, and space use. If the construction,
8 rehabilitation, or repair does not meet those standards, the board
9 shall notify the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of
10 the house of representatives, and the Legislative Budget Board.

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